

**Proclamation No. 18-0388
Recognizing April 22nd as Earth Day**

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was enacted in 1970 and engaged over 20 million Americans to advocate for the environment; and

WHEREAS, urban greenspaces promote healthy communities and provide people a chance to form lifelong relationships with the environment; and

WHEREAS, expanding environmental education and access to the environment is vital to the happiness and wellbeing of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the High Line Canal is a unique ecological and recreational asset supporting 71-miles of wildlife and natural space in Denver and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, the High Line Canal Conservancy is protecting and preserving the Canal as an expansive linear greenspace that connects diverse communities to each other and to nature; and

WHEREAS, the South Platte River and its tributaries shaped Denver into the city it is today and remain invaluable historic, cultural, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The Greenway Foundation enhances and celebrates the South Platte through habitat and trail improvements, volunteer initiatives, and educational programs that have reached more than 100,000 schoolchildren since 1974; and

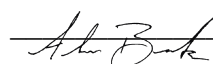
WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need to get outside, appreciate and protect the natural world, and make commitments to environmental stewardship and education.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes April 22nd as Earth Day.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to The High Line Canal Conservancy and The Greenway Foundation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 16, 2018

 _____ PRESIDENT