



**Proclamation No. 18-0388  
Recognizing April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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