



EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring an appreciation of our nation's natural resources through conservation and protection; and

WHEREAS, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges such as climate change, deforestation, food and water shortages, global health issues; and

WHEREAS, pollinators play an important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species are in decline due to habitat loss and the use of pesticides, causing species like the monarch butterfly to decline significantly; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southamptom, MA. recognizes that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder for the need for environmental awareness and continued stewardship commitments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Maureen Groden, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Select Board Chair of the Town of Southamptom, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2021 as Earth Day in Southamptom and encourage all residents and businesses to do their part to respect and enjoy our pristine rural environment. As a first action, I have signed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. This national initiative offers opportunities to individuals in communities like Southamptom, Massachusetts to restore native habitat that will support the monarch butterfly and other local pollinator species.

Signed: 

Date: April 20, 2021