

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION Recognizing April 22, 2025, as Earth Day

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day in 1970 mobilized millions of Americans from all walks of life to birth the modern environmental movement; and

WHEREAS, due to the courage and commitment of the Earth Day pioneers, the Environmental Protection Agency was created to safeguard our environment and the health of all Americans, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration was established to help protect our ocean; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day has evolved into the largest civic event on Earth, activating billions across 192 countries to safeguard our planet and fight for a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, we are all caretakers of our planet and have an obligation to combat climate change and environmental degradation to preserve the earth's beauty and resources; and

WHEREAS, Wake County supports many events and initiatives to recognize the importance of our environment, such as Earth Day Fun for school age children, 86it Anti-Litter Campaign, Wake County Big Sweep and the Earth Day Craft Fair; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 55th anniversary of the Earth Day movement and Wake County citizens are encouraged participate in appropriate programs and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare April 22, 2025, as **Earth Day.**

ADOPTED this the 7th day of April 2025.

Susan P. Evans, Chair Wake County Board of Commissioners