

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF**

**DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS,** *in April, Earth Month is celebrated annually across the globe to confront our most pressing environmental issues and to unite around a shared mission of protecting the environment; and*

**WHEREAS,** *although we have made some progress over the years, the global community still faces challenges, including climate change, environmental destruction, deforestation, air and water pollution; and*

**WHEREAS,** *every one of us can contribute to protecting and preserving the planet we share through individual acts such as using reusable bags and water bottles, reducing plastic waste, and participating in acts of earthy engagement through cleanup projects, tree planting, community gardening; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the City participates in the Greenest Region Compact, a collaboration of area communities working towards creating a more sustainable region to enhance the quality of life for residents, protection and stewardship of the environment, and sustainable economic vitality; and*

**WHEREAS,** *for 35 years, Des Plaines has also taken steps to advance our City's green space through the Tree City USA program; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Earth Month is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism that can include investing time, funds, or our voices to educate and build the momentum needed to create a sustainable future; and*

**WHEREAS,** *in the City of Des Plaines, I encourage our community to celebrate EARTH MONTH and promote the well-being of the residents and the protection of their environment through participation in area initiatives.*

*Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim April as*

**EARTH MONTH**

*Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023*



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*Andrew Goczowski, Mayor*