

EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation, protection, and appreciation of our nation's natural resources; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment, by recognizing that all human life depends upon the Earth and upon one another for our mutual existence, well-being, and development; and

Whereas, the steps we can take to protect and preserve our natural environment through education, partnerships, and positive actions should be encouraged in Mason County; and

Whereas, the citizens of Mason County are committed not only to the protection and preservation of our environment, but also to the restoration of ecosystems and habitat; and

Whereas, Mason County citizens, staff, and elected officials are working closely with federal, state, local, and tribal governments, and with non-governmental organizations to develop and implement regulations and ordinances specifically designed to preserve and improve Mason County's fragile ecosystems and the quality of life therein; and

Whereas, Mason County proudly recognizes all who participate in Earth Day, for their dedication to taking a proactive role in shaping the future of our environment and in protecting Mason County's precious natural resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, We the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County do hereby proclaim April 22, 2008, as

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in Mason County and urge all our citizens to be mindful of local, state and national laws which protect our environment, and to join in efforts to preserve the beauty and wonder of the lands, skies, and water of the Earth in all its diversity.

Dated this _____ day of April 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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