



## 2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 22

March 24, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives JOERS, SINICKI, MOORE OMOKUNDE, BARE, RATCLIFF, EMERSON, STUBBS, OHNSTAD, SHELTON, DRAKE, NEUBAUER, JACOBSON, ANDRACA, J. ANDERSON, CONSIDINE, CONLEY, HAYWOOD, MYERS, PALMERI, C. ANDERSON, HONG, MADISON, SUBECK, SHANKLAND, SNODGRASS, VINING, CLANCY and RIEMER, cosponsored by Senators HESSELBEIN, TAYLOR, ROYS, L. JOHNSON, CARPENTER, LARSON, AGARD, SPREITZER, PFAFF, WIRCH and SMITH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **Relating to:** honoring April 22, 2023, as the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day.

2             Whereas, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April  
3     22 to demonstrate support for environmental conservation while recognizing the  
4     protection of our land, water, and air; and

5             Whereas, Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin,  
6     who called for a “national teach-in on the crisis of the environment” to be held on  
7     April 22, 1970; and

8             Whereas, Senator Nelson aimed to send a message to Washington, DC, from  
9     people across the nation that public opinion called for clean water and air and the  
10    protection of our environment; and

11            Whereas, the first Earth Day motivated 20 million Americans, including 2,000  
12    colleges, to organize together to advocate for a diverse array of solutions to climate  
13    challenges; and

14            Whereas, Senator Nelson’s leadership and the impacts of the first Earth Day  
15    went on to produce the Environmental Decade, which ushered in the support of

1 environmental legislation such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the  
2 Endangered Species Act, and stringent amendments to strengthen the Clean Air and  
3 Clean Water Acts; and

4 Whereas, Earth Day is now celebrated in 193 countries around the world,  
5 creating opportunities for civic engagement and community collaboration to leave a  
6 more prosperous natural environment for generations to come; and

7 Whereas, April 22, 2023, is the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day and events will  
8 take place across Wisconsin and worldwide to encourage actions on behalf of our  
9 planet to safeguard our natural resources and protect our environment; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
12 Wisconsin Legislature honor April 22, 2023, as the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day  
13 and encourage Wisconsinites to continue actions to preserve our environment for all  
14 to enjoy.

15 (END)