International Earth Day
April 22, 2020

Whereas Earth Day is a national and international call to positive action for all citizens to join a global effort to protect the environment; Earth Day inspires people to connect with nature and build strong communities; and

Whereas all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment; and

Whereas the City of Kingston acknowledges the importance of Earth Day as a reminder of our community's connection to the planet and our responsibility to preserve and protect our environment; and

Whereas a sound natural environment is the foundation of a healthy society; and

Whereas Earth Day is celebrated annually to recommit to the goals of a healthy environment as a peaceful, just and sustainable worlds; and

Whereas the importance of Earth Day has grown as the potential impacts of climate disruption, species decline, and reliance on non-renewable energy supplies have come into sharper focus; and

Whereas local communities can be drivers of building a healthy society by addressing issues such as energy use, transportation, waste prevention, and environmental quality; and

Whereas in addition to the annual Earth Day on April 22nd, the City of Kingston acknowledges that truly Earth Day is Every Day;

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim April 22, 2020 as “International Earth Day” in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 25th day of March 2020.

Bryan Paterson
Mayor