



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

PROCLAMATION

Whereas,

On April 22, 1970, millions of people around the world joined the common cause to protect the planet for future generations and all who shared it. Food production is responsible for one-third of global emissions with meat and dairy farming the leading source of agricultural emissions. Even if other sectors including energy, transportation and buildings were carbon-neutral by 2050, as is necessary, the current U.S. food system would take us past 1.5 degrees C of warming by 2050; and

Whereas,

The EAT-Lancet Report calls for widespread multisector, multilevel action including a substantial shift toward healthy, Earth-friendly dietary patterns. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has recognized dietary shifts toward plant-based foods as a key action to reduce greenhouse gas Emissions. Chatham House report determined that a global shift toward plant-based foods could draw down more than 25% of emissions by 2050. An individual's swap from conventional meals to plant-based meals for just one day is equivalent to driving 41 fewer miles, sparing over 400 square feet of land, and saving at least 250 gallons of water; and

Whereas,

Earth-friendly, plant-forward foods present diverse options for a multicultural population and a global majority of people are lactose intolerant, including a substantial population of Americans. Today marks the 55th Anniversary of Earth Day and the City of Springfield, Massachusetts is committed to building on the successes we have achieved so far and look to support this issue of environmental protection through local activism and raising local awareness.



*Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor
of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim*

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 as

"Earth Day"

*"Good health
& Good Bless!"*

*In the great City of Springfield, and I strongly encourage every resident to be aware of this event and
participate suitably in its observance*

Domenic J. Sarno

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