

City of Auburn **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an important celebration that brings special attention to the environment during the month of April; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Earth Day 2024 is *Planet vs. Plastics*, which calls to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and demand an end to fast fashion. Join us as we build a plastic-free planet for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Currently, we generate about 400 million metric tons of plastic waste every year worldwide - roughly the collective weight of the human population - according to the United Nations Environment Programme. Nearly 36% of this plastic is used in packaging, including single-use products for food and beverage containers, and about 85% ends up in landfills; and

WHEREAS, And these alarming numbers continue to grow, with production predicted to reach a staggering 1,100 million metric tons by 2050, absent any sort of intervention.

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has long demonstrated and continues to pledge to make measurable positive change towards becoming more sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the City's sustainability initiatives include geothermal heating and cooling of the following municipal buildings, Memorial City Hall, the Police and Ambulance Headquarters, and the Equal Rights Heritage Center; and

WHEREAS, the City and New York State have invested in hydroelectric facilities at the Mill Street Dam and the recently completed N. Division St. Dam, electric vehicle charging stations at the downtown parking garage, as well as, the installation of solar panels at the City Landfill this spring and summer; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City was designated a Clean Energy Community by New York State; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is important to the citizens and businesses of Auburn as a means of reinforcing the importance of responsible stewardship of the earth's resources, demonstrated by several volunteer citizen initiatives that keep the environment at the forefront of local civic action including the Auburn Permaculture Park, the Auburn Beautification Commission, the Grow Auburn's Trees program, the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, the Owasco Watershed Lake Association, the Save Owasco Now organization and the public group Cayuga Climate Action just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, It is important for all citizens to help create a sustainable community through sound environmental practices; and

WHEREAS, The City wishes to call attention to the importance of protecting the environment and to encourage events and activities that help educate and motivate sustainable practices.

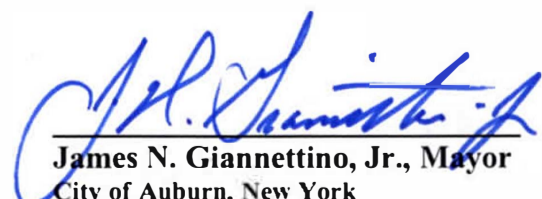
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor James N. Giannettino, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 22, 2024 designated as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Auburn and encourage all citizens and businesses in Auburn to support sustainable practices and protection of our natural resources, and to participate in environmental events this month.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Eighteenth Day of April 2024.


James N. Giannettino, Jr., Mayor
City of Auburn, New York