

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, Earth Day was created 48 years ago, recognizing the importance for everyone to participate in preserving our natural resources, and on that first Earth Day 20 million Americans rallied for a healthy, sustainable environment; and*

*WHEREAS, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges such as global health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and*

*WHEREAS, all life forms on Earth have a right to a healthy, sustainable environment; and*

*WHEREAS, Jay Inslee, the Governor of Washington State has proclaimed the month of April to be Earth Month in Washington State, in recognition of the urgency of enlisting all people to protect and sustain life on the planet; and*

*WHEREAS, the Procession of the Species was created in 1995 to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day and to support Congressional renewal of the Endangered Species Act, inspiring thousands, young and old, to deepen their understanding, appreciation, and protection of the natural world; and*

*WHEREAS, all of us, as caretakers of our planet, have an obligation to change the human behaviors that contribute to climate change and environmental degradation to preserve the Earth's beauty as well as its resources; and*

*WHEREAS, this obligation extends not only to today's caretakers but also to the future generations of caretakers who will inherit our planet from us; and*

*WHEREAS, our local citizens, schools, environmental organizations and businesses have raised over 100 Earth Flags to unite those during the entire month working in the interest of the planet, and to build intergenerational action through local activism and global environmental consciousness; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim April as*

**EARTH MONTH**

**SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2018.**

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

*Cheryl Selby  
Mayor*