



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

March 31, 2021 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, BALLWEG, AGARD, CARPENTER, ROYS, SMITH, PFAFF, RINGHAND, L. TAYLOR and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives KITCHENS, NOVAK, NEUBAUER, ANDERSON, ARMSTRONG, BALDEH, BOWEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CALLAHAN, CONLEY, DRAKE, DUCHOW, HEBL, KURTZ, LOUDENBECK, MURSAU, OLDENBURG, PETRYK, SHELTON, SINICKI, SPIROS, STEFFEN, SUBECK, TRANEL, TUSLER and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** honoring April 22, 2021, as the 51st Anniversary of Earth Day.

2             Whereas, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April  
3     22 to recognize the protection of natural spaces, water quality, and air quality; and

4             Whereas, Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin,  
5     who proposed the idea to hold a nationwide environmental teach-in on April 22,  
6     1970; and

7             Whereas, Senator Nelson insisted that the first Earth Day's activities be  
8     created not by organizers in Washington, D.C., but by individuals and groups in their  
9     own communities who best understood the value that clean water and air and  
10    undisturbed forests, prairies, and parks have or could have in their area; and

11            Whereas, the first Earth Day events took place in 2,000 colleges and  
12    universities, roughly 10,000 primary and secondary schools, and hundreds of  
13    communities across the United States; and

14            Whereas, Earth Day is currently observed in 192 countries and is now believed  
15    to be the largest secular holiday in the world, with more than one billion people

1 celebrating the occasion every year, showing the shared values that environmental  
2 protections could have or have delivered; and

3 Whereas, in Wisconsin since the first Earth Day, despite progress yet to be had,  
4 actions taken by community groups, businesses, farmers, individual citizens, and  
5 governments have dramatically and noticeably improved environmental quality in  
6 our state, resulting in benefits to human and ecological health, our standard of living,  
7 and the state's economy; and

8 Whereas, this year will be the 51st Anniversary of Earth Day with events  
9 taking place in Wisconsin and across the globe in an effort to encourage our family,  
10 friends, and neighbors to preserve and restore our natural resources and protect our  
11 environment; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
13 Legislature honors April 22, 2021, as the 51st Anniversary of Earth Day, and  
14 encourages Wisconsinites to enjoy time in Wisconsin's natural spaces on Earth Day  
15 and throughout 2021.

16 (END)