



2025 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 19

March 17, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives TENORIO, MIRESE, PALMERI, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BILLINGS, BROWN, CLANCY, CRUZ, DESANTO, DESMIDT, DOYLE, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, HAYWOOD, HONG, HYSELL, J. JACOBSON, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MAYADEV, MCCARVILLE, MCGUIRE, MELOTIK, MOORE OMOKUNDE, MURSAU, NEUBAUER, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PHELPS, PRADO, RIVERA-WAGNER, ROE, SHEEHAN, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPAUDE, STROUD, STUBBS, SUBECK, TAYLOR, UDELL and VINING, cosponsored by Senators HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, L. JOHNSON, KEYESKI, LARSON, PFAFF, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SMITH, SPREITZER, WALL and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring April 22, 2025, as the 55th anniversary of Earth Day.

2 Whereas, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April
3 22 to demonstrate support for environmental conservation while recognizing the
4 protection of our land, water, and air; and

5 Whereas, Earth Day was founded by the U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of
6 Wisconsin, who called for a “national teach-in on the crisis of the environment” to
7 be held on April 22, 1970; and

8 Whereas, Senator Nelson aimed to send a message to Washington, DC, from
9 people across the nation that public opinion called for clean water and air and the
10 protection of our environment; and

11 Whereas, the first Earth Day motivated 20 million Americans, including 2,000
12 colleges, to organize together to advocate for a diverse array of solutions to climate
13 challenges; and

14 Whereas, Senator Nelson’s leadership and the impacts of the first Earth Day

went on to produce the Environmental Decade, which ushered in the support of environmental legislation such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and stringent amendments to strengthen the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts; and

Whereas, Earth Day is now celebrated in 193 countries around the world, creating opportunities for civic engagement and community collaboration to leave a more prosperous natural environment for generations to come; and

Whereas, April 22, 2025, is the 55th anniversary of Earth Day and events will take place across Wisconsin and worldwide to encourage actions on behalf of our planet to safeguard our natural resources and protect our environment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature honor April 22, 2025, as the 55th anniversary of Earth Day and encourage Wisconsinites to continue actions to preserve our environment for all to enjoy.

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