

# Proclamation

## Earth Day

"In nature, nothing exists alone." -Rachel Carson, 1962

April 22, 2019

**WHEREAS:** Nature's gifts to our planet are the millions of species we know and love, and many more that remain to be discovered. Unfortunately, human beings have irrevocably upset the balance of nature and, as a result, the world is facing the greatest rate of extinction since we lost the dinosaurs more than 60 million years ago; and

**WHEREAS:** the unprecedented global destruction and rapid reduction of plant and wildlife populations are directly linked to causes driven by human activity: climate change, deforestation, habitat loss, trafficking and poaching, unsustainable agriculture, pollution and pesticides to name a few. The impacts are far reaching; and

**WHEREAS:** all living things have an intrinsic value, and each plays a unique role in the complex web of life. We must work together to protect endangered and threatened species: bees, coral reefs, elephants, giraffes, insects, whales and more; and

**WHEREAS:** the good news is that the rate of extinctions can still be slowed, and many of our endangered species can still recover if we work together now to build a united global movement of consumers, voters, educators, faith leaders, and scientists to demand immediate action.

**FURTHERMORE:** let it be known that the Town of Morinville hereby encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable and green economy while protecting our species.



Mayor Barry Turner

