

PROCLAMATION

Earth Day

April 22, 2024

WHEREAS: The first Earth Day in 1970 mobilized millions of Americans from all walks of life to birth the modern environmental movement. Since then, Earth Day has evolved into the largest civic event on Earth, activating billions across 192 countries to safeguard our planet and fight for a brighter future. The first Canadian Earth Day was celebrated in 1980.

WHEREAS: This year's theme, **Planet vs. Plastics**, 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. "Earthday.org" has called for a 60% global reduction in plastic production by 2040.

WHEREAS: 8.3 BILLION Metric Tons of plastic has been produced since plastic was introduced in the 1950s. 79% of plastic that has ever been made still sits in landfills or the natural environment and at least 14 million tons of plastic end up in our oceans every year.

WHEREAS: "Earth Day Canada" inspires, supports, and facilitates innovative actions for individuals and organizations to reduce their environmental impact.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Simon Boersma, do hereby declare April 22, 2024, as **Earth Day**, in the Town of Morinville.



Mayor Simon Boersma

