



State of Rhode Island GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION Earth Day

WHEREAS, each year, Earth Day serves as a reminder of the value of Rhode Island's precious natural resources and helps mark the progress our state has made in preserving and protecting them; and

WHEREAS, since Earth Day was first enacted in 1970, efforts to improve air and water quality, clean up contaminated lands, conserve open space, increase recreational opportunities, and take action to confront climate change have greatly enhanced Rhode Islanders' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and First Lady's Litter-Free Rhode Island program is helping build on continuous efforts to protect, restore, and promote our environment to ensure Rhode Island remains a wonderful place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) serves as the chief steward of the state's natural resources, and works year-round to ensure Rhode Island's water, air, and land are protected; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island continues to take bold action to counter climate change and its effects, reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and confront emerging contaminants like Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS); and

WHEREAS, all Rhode Island residents, regardless of income, race, ethnicity, or national origin, have a right to live in a clean and healthy environment and have access to natural resource opportunities in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island remains committed to supporting environmental justice for the people who live within its communities who are often disproportionately impacted by environmental issues and lack equal access to the state's natural places; and

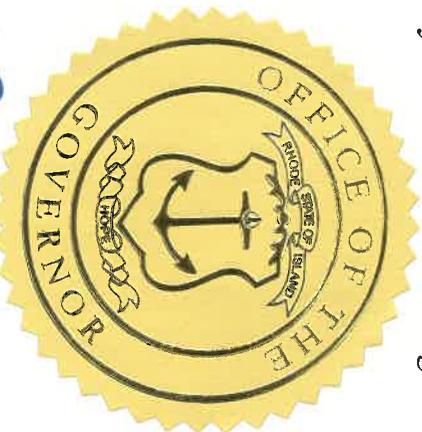
WHEREAS, everyone who enjoys Rhode Island's parks, beaches, and outdoor spaces has a responsibility to keep them clean, take personal responsibility for their trash, and is encouraged to take the Litter-Free Rhode Island pledge to protect our unique natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Litter-Free Rhode Island program has successfully awarded tens of thousands of dollars in microgrants to support community cleanups and has created resources to spread awareness and motivate Rhode Islanders to create a cleaner, more sustainable future for all; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism lies at the heart of both Litter-Free Rhode Island and Earth Day, and every resident is encouraged to get outdoors and take charge of community cleanups, water and energy conservation efforts, tree planting, and more.

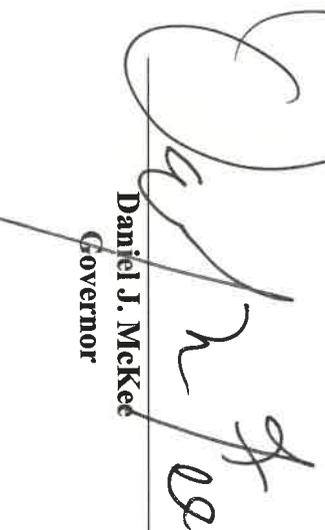
NOW THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island do hereby proclaim April 22, 2025 as *Earth Day* in the state and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.

Given under my hand and the seal of the
Office of the Governor of the State of
Rhode Island, this 22nd day of April, 2025.




Gregg M. Amore

Secretary of State


Daniel J. McKee
Governor