



CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, to inspire an appreciation of the natural world through conservation and protection; and

WHEREAS, the annual recognition of this day is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitments to environmental stewardship, including implementing sustainability efforts, promoting emerging green technologies and innovative practices that can restore the world's ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, global challenges continue to grow, such as environmental degradation, climate change, food, and water shortages; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Earth Day 2022 is *Invest In Our Planet*, we commit to a partnership for the planet and pledge to act boldly, innovate broadly, and implement equitably to preserve and protect our health, our families, and our livelihood; and

WHEREAS, after Earth Day, we look to Arbor Day on April 29; both events celebrate our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday in April, was first celebrated in 1872, and was honored with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and



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WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, and

WHEREAS, Earth Day and Arbor Day are annual reminders of the constant need for environmental awareness, stewardship, commitments, and sustainability efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 22, 2022, as **Earth Day** and Friday, April 29, 2022, as **Arbor Day**. I strongly encourage all Costa Mesa residents to join me in supporting green economy initiatives and improving, protecting, and enhancing our local environment.

DATED this 19th day of April, 2022.

A blue ink signature of the Mayor's name, John Stephens.

John Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa