

# Santa Fe County Proclamation

## PROCLAIMING APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> 2024 AS “EARTH DAY”

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna T. Hamilton and Commissioner Anna Hansen

**WHEREAS**, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970 in the United States and is commemorated annually to celebrate the beauty of our planet, recommit to actions that promote a healthy environment, and to maintain a peaceful, just and sustainable world; and

**WHEREAS**, all people of this Earth no matter their race, gender, age, income, sexual orientation, or national origin, have a right to a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, humankind is facing tremendous global challenges affecting every community, including degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County and our citizens, organizations, and businesses have shown dedicated leadership on environmental concerns by addressing issues such as energy production and use, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, low emission transportation, water conservation, farmland conservation, urban forest and habitat protection, waste prevention, and environmental equity; and

**WHEREAS**, successful Earth Day celebration events were held in 2021, 2022, and 2023, culminating in the planting of nearly 600 native and climate appropriate perennials, shrubs, and trees with participation by over 200 community members and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, these efforts supported climate action at numerous key locations throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County’s Earth Day Team, led by Sustainability Manager Jacqueline Beam, is organizing Earth Day 2024 events with an emphasis on investing in stormwater capture, soil health, access to healthy green space, and community gathering spaces to increase habitat resilience; and

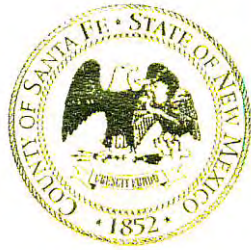
**WHEREAS**, the event will culminate with the installation of climate appropriate plants and green stormwater infrastructure at the Hondo Fire Station #2 on Saturday, April 20, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that, to meet the goals of Earth Day to raise awareness, trigger positive action to protect our environment, and help guide local decision-making, the Board will provide leadership, employ the expertise and talent of our community, and engage the hearts and minds of our citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 22<sup>ND</sup> OF APRIL 2024, AS:**

**“EARTH DAY”**

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2024.**



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Commissioner District 5

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