



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Earth Day is commemorated annually on April 22nd to demonstrate support for environmental protection, advance sustainability initiatives, and raise awareness about the challenges facing our planet; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Earth Day 2024 is "Planet vs Plastics," highlighting the urgent need to address the global crisis caused by the production, proliferation, and pollution of plastics, the impact of which can be felt in every corner of the planet; and

WHEREAS, plastics have become a pervasive and harmful presence in our ecosystems, endangering wildlife and humans alike, contaminating water sources, and contributing to the degradation of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, a global public health crisis has emerged due to plastics contaminating our water, air, land, and food, resulting in hormone disruptions, reproductive issues, and other health complications which cost the United States an estimated \$250 billion annually in healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we take collective action to reduce plastic consumption, promote sustainable alternatives, and advocate for policies that mitigate the distribution of single-use plastics and plastic waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, we declare April 22, 2024 as **Earth Day 2024** in the Town of Little Elm, Texas, and urge all residents, businesses, and institutions to join in efforts to combat plastic pollution, promote environmental sustainability, and work towards a healthier, more resilient planet.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Town of Little Elm, Texas, this 16th day of April, 2024.

Curtis J. Cornelious, Mayor of Little Elm