



EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the First Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring an appreciation of our nation's natural and cultural resources through conservation and protection.

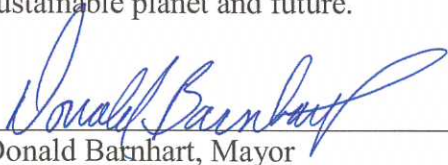
WHEREAS, a healthy environment and all of its natural resources is a pillar of great pride and value for the Treasure State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble to our State's Constitution reads: "We the people of Montana grateful to God for the quiet beauty of our state, the grandeur of our mountains, the vastness of our rolling plains, and desiring to improve the quality of life, equality of opportunity and to secure the blessings of liberty for this and future generations do ordain and establish this constitution;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia Falls celebrates Earth Day in the month of April by supporting the community Earth Day celebration, referred to as "Clean the Falls," scheduled for April 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the protection and improvement of environmental quality and public health is critical to sustain a thriving, healthy community and economy, and to improve the quality of life for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald Barnhart, Mayor of Columbia Falls has the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2021 as Earth Day throughout Columbia Falls and do hereby encourage all of our citizens, businesses and institutions to participate in programs and activities, including but not limited to Clean the Falls, that will protect our environment and contribute to a healthy, sustainable planet and future.


Donald Barnhart, Mayor