

## Proclamation of the City of Whitefish, Montana

A Proclamation declaring April 22, 2021 as Earth Day

**WHEREAS**, April 22, 2021 is the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the original Earth Day, an event which has grown into an international celebration of major significance; and

**WHEREAS**, a healthy environment with all its natural resources is a source of great pride and value for The Treasure State of Montana and the City of Whitefish; 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**, in 2016 the Whitefish City Council passed a resolution to forever protect and conserve the Haskill Basin watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 Mayor John Muhlfeld issued a proclamation committing the City of Whitefish to do its part to implement US climate goals established through the Paris Climate Accord; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 the City of Whitefish adopted a Climate Action Plan and established a Climate Action Plan Standing Committee to implement the actions identified in the plan, demonstrating its deep concern and ongoing commitment to environmental quality and the health of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whitefish is a leader and partner in the pursuit of environmental quality and public health; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Muhlfeld, Mayor of Whitefish have the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2021 as

### **EARTH DAY**

throughout Whitefish and encourage all its citizens, businesses, and institutions to participate in programs and activities that protect our environment and contribute to a healthy, sustainable planet and future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, ON THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL 2021

*/s/John Muhlfeld*

John Muhlfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

*/s/Michelle Howke*

Michelle Howke, City Clerk