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## **Governor Dalrymple Proclaims April 22 Earth Day in North Dakota**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Jack Dalrymple has proclaimed Friday, April 22, 2016, as Earth Day in North Dakota. Earth Day is an opportunity for all North Dakotans to raise awareness to the natural resources of our state and to take personal action to help preserve and conserve them for future generations.

“Protecting and preserving the state’s natural resources is important to the citizens of North Dakota,” said Steve Tillotson, manager of the North Dakota Department of Health’s (NDDoH) Solid Waste Program. “Earth Day is an opportunity for North Dakotans to adopt conservation habits that will bring about a cleaner, safer and healthier environment for present and future generations.”

Simple ways citizens can celebrate on April 22, and every day, are by recycling, taking public transportation or carpooling, turning off the lights when leaving a room, planting a tree, and utilizing renewable resources when possible. Earth Day reminds citizens to join in on the progress already being made in these areas in the state. For example, on average, around 300 tons of recycling is collected each month through curbside Single Sort programs with Waste Management.

In Bismarck, the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day Festival will take place Thursday, April 21, at the Bismarck Career Academy, 1221 College Drive from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and the event will include activities for all ages, ranging from balloon critters to a family scavenger hunt. For more information, visit [www.earthdayfestivalbismarck.org](http://www.earthdayfestivalbismarck.org).

Along with citizens of North Dakota, organizations involved in the promotion of Earth Day include the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association, the Coalition for Conservation and Environmental Education, the Earth Day Planning Committee, Keep North Dakota Clean and Valley Earth Week.

For more information about Earth Day, contact Steve Tillotson or Emily Tintes Schiwal, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.5166.

*Please note: Proclamation follows.*

PROCLAMATION

**EARTH DAY**

APRIL 22, 2016

**WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota is committed to preserving its natural resources and recognizes the important role its citizens play in this endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is a time to come together and celebrate the efforts of young and old alike who strive to improve our environment for both the benefit of today and for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day reminds us all to be good stewards of North Dakota's resources; and

**WHEREAS**, by using our resources wisely, we help build a stronger economy and a healthier future; and

**WHEREAS**, on Earth Day and every day, North Dakotans are encouraged to:

CONSERVE natural resources by recycling, taking public transportation or carpooling, turning off the lights when leaving a room, and utilizing renewable resources, such as bio-diesels.

PRESERVE natural resources and practice responsible stewardship by participating in recycling programs and engaging in ways to reduce waste, cut pollution and conserve energy and water.

COMMIT to the recycling process by buying recycled-content products.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 22, 2016, **EARTH DAY** in the state of North Dakota, and encourage citizens to reflect on ways they can contribute to a healthy environment and continue to make North Dakota a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Jack Dalrymple  
Governor

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