



PROCLAMATION
Recognizing April 22, 2024, as Earth Day

WHEREAS, Earth Day is commemorated annually on April 22nd to demonstrate support for environmental protection, advance sustainability initiatives, and to raise awareness about 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 costing 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, I, Ed Honea, Mayor of the Town of Marana, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2024, as Earth Day in Marana, 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.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

David L. Udall, Town Clerk



Ed Honea, Mayor