

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CELEBRATION OR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH
YEAR 2020 IN BOWIE, MARYLAND

WHEREAS, Earth Day is commemorated each year as a recommitment to the goals of a healthy environment and peaceful, just and sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, communities around the state, nation, and world will do their part in promoting public awareness on environmental issues by holding special events or sharing best practices that focus on protecting our ecosystem and planet; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie affirms environmental stewardship and our community's quality of life as critical to our future and wishes to lead by the example of its efforts on these issues and encourage city residences to make life choices consistent with the future health and resilience of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie, will work to promote policies, programs, projects, and partnerships across the City in an effort to educate citizens and the community, in ways that protect the environment because it is good for our health, our children, our economy, and the natural wildlife and habitat the surrounds us; and

WHEREAS, the Council sees this Resolution as the first step in a new year to create a climate-ready, resilient, low carbon community and encourage our citizens, businesses, and local schools to become leaders in making the Earth and Bowie a healthier and more ecologically sustainable place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland does hereby recognize 2020, as Earth Year in the City of Bowie and supports these actions to implement this vital work and goals:

Article 1. The City designates the Chairs of its Environmental Advisory Committee and Green Team to co-chair a Coordination Committee of no more than five others selected in conjunction with the Mayor to plan, select and implement activities appropriate to this Earth year designation each month in 2020.

Article 2. The Coordinating Committee in collaboration with the city sustainability planner and staff Sustainability Team shall collect and share via the city website and other appropriate social media tips, advice, and examples for "green living " consistent with achieving a healthier environment and low carbon lifestyle.

Article 3. The Coordinating Committee is instructed to conduct outreach with staff help to support its planned activities to all city committees and community HOAs.

Article 4. The Council encourages the business community, schools, and local nonprofits to partner with this effort, support the work of the Committee and widely share their own activities in support of the environment through inclusive outreach.

Article 5. The Committee will provide a public report in January 2021 to the Council of the activities, support, and impact of this Resolution and make such recommendations as may be appropriate of the continuation of its work by the City.

Article 6. The Council will appoint a Council member to serve as the liaison to the Coordinating Committee.

Article 7. The Council directs city staff to actively support and cooperate with the Coordination Committee to develop, maintain and encourage its work in all Districts of the City.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Awilda Hernandez
City Clerk

Timothy J. Adams
Mayor