



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EARTH DAY RESOLUTION 2014

WHEREAS, Earth Day, April 22, was first organized in 1970 to promote ecology and respect for all life on the planet as well as to encourage awareness of the growing problems of air, water and soil pollution; and

WHEREAS, Cook County government has shown its commitment to sustainability and to reducing the County's impact on the environment by undertaking many energy efficiency measures including the largest Energy Savings Contracts ever undertaken by a County, and is working continually to find more ways to save energy; and

WHEREAS, Cook County through its Department of Environmental Control has partnered with its suburban communities and nonprofits to make energy efficiency investments throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County in 2012 passed the Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance, resulting in over 90% of building materials from demolitions and renovations being reused or recycled; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle was awarded in January 2014 the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance's Leadership Award for inspiring energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, during Earth Week of 2014 Cook County will be celebrating the environment through many activities ranging from involving youth in cleaning up our preserves and open space, to providing opportunities for County residents to safely dispose of old pharmaceuticals to help keep our water clean; and

WHEREAS, this Cook County Board wishes to acknowledge Earth Day and encourages all its employees, residents, businesses and communities to do likewise by participating in activities to preserve and protect the environment, both on April 22nd and on every day throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that the President and Board of Commissioners support April 22, 2014 as "Earth Day".