



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### EARTH WEEK RESOLUTION 2019

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day, observed every year on April 22 to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide, now has over one billion people participating across the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainable communities are a core policy priority for Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainable communities thrive economically, socially and environmentally, and promote the goal of equity in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's Policy Roadmap commits us to ensuring environmental justice, promoting sustainable development, fighting climate change, promoting green jobs for all, and building the capacity of our communities to create a sustainable and resilient future; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has reduced greenhouse gas emissions from its building energy use by 32 percent since 2010, towards its goal of becoming carbon neutral by the year 2050, by developing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County implemented the Green Buildings Program that looks holistically at the design, space utilization, operations and life cycle impact of County owned properties to become a model for sustainable asset management that minimizes environmental impacts, improves the health and wellness of communities, and increases the value of County assets to optimize taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County supports sustainable communities through promoting community solar and energy efficiency for residents, helping to return brownfields to productive use, promoting transit and other non-auto alternative transportation modes, increasing recycling, and in many other ways; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is working with its employees, residents and communities to raise awareness and encourage adoption of energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable practices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the week of April 21 to 27, 2019 be declared Earth Week in Cook County.