

**PROCLAMATION
2017 EARTH DAY
CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY**

WHEREAS, first observed in 1970, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22 worldwide during which various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is currently the largest secular observance in the world, celebrated by more than one billion people every year; and is a day of action that changes human behavior, provokes policy changes and draws people together in appreciation of their mutual home, Planet Earth; and

WHEREAS, through voluntary action, individuals can join with one another in building the Earth in harmony with nature and promoting support of those activities by private and governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, although individuals and groups may follow different methods and programs in Earth-keeping and Earth-building, through constant welcoming communication with other groups and focus on the meaning of peace and goodwill, they will tend more and more to be creative, sensitive, experimental, and flexible in resolving differences with others; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth City State University, Port Discover Hands-on Science Center for Northeastern North Carolina, the City of Elizabeth City, and Pasquotank County inspire many organizations to host eco-friendly and healthy initiatives to help raise awareness of environmental, health, and sustainable life issues during the month of April.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph W. Peel, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City, hereby proclaim April 22, 2017 as EARTH DAY IN ELIZABETH CITY and urge all citizens and businesses to participate in healthy and sustainable activities on that day as well as throughout the year to make our community a healthy, wholesome and environmentally-friendly place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Elizabeth City on this 10th day of April, 2017.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor