

- WHEREAS, Earth Day gives us the opportunity to celebrate our Planet and recommit to preserving and protecting it and all the creatures with whom we share it; and*
- WHEREAS, The City of Carbondale, Illinois community recognizes that the land we live on and must protect was and is lived on by those with Indigenous, traditional ecological knowledge who teach of the dangers of overusing the gifts the land, air and water offer daily; and*
- WHEREAS, The City of Carbondale, Illinois community recognizes that the impacts of human-caused climate change are felt disproportionately by People of Color and under-served communities; and*
- WHEREAS, On April 26th, 2022, the City of Carbondale City Council approved the first Sustainability Action Plan that commits the Carbondale community to an ambitious path to achieving 100% renewable energy, transitioning to a clean energy economy, and enacting natural solutions that will sequester carbon and help protect the habitats of all creatures; and*
- WHEREAS, This Plan recognizes prioritizes equity and environmental justice for neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by proximity to polluting industries and by the resulting legacy of economic disadvantage; and*
- WHEREAS, The Carbondale community has increasingly demonstrated energy and creativity in its focus on equity by advancing food autonomy and other collaborative actions that enhance sustainability and resilience for all of us; and*
- WHEREAS, The City, a Tree City since 1981 and a bronze-level bike-friendly city, continues to be an example for the region, with significant steps that help reduce the community's carbon footprint and advance Carbondale's livability; and*
- WHEREAS, These and other steps taken to protect our neighbors, our City, and our Planet give us heart and inspire us to re-imagine our community and take up the challenge of making it more equitable as well as more resilient,*

*Now, therefore, I, Carolin Harvey, Mayor Pro Tempore, of the City of Carbondale, Illinois do hereby proclaim April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 as:*

### **Earth Day**

*In the city of Carbondale, Illinois, and do hereby encourage all the residents of Carbondale to commemorate Earth Day 2023 by attending community events and by acting both individually and collaboratively to promote a more sustainable and resilient future for Carbondale.*

*Ordered this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.*

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Carolin Harvey, Mayor Pro Tempore

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Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk