WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to protecting and preserving its natural resources and recognizes the important role its citizens play in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2022, marks the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a time to come together with the rest of the world’s citizens to celebrate the efforts of young and old alike who strive to improve our environment not only for the benefit of today but also for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day reminds all of us to be good stewards of North Dakota’s precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, by using our natural resources wisely, we help build a stronger economy and a healthier future for over 779,000 North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, on Earth Day and every day, North Dakotans are encouraged to preserve our natural resources by participating in efforts to reduce consumption and waste, encourage recycling, utilize renewable resources, eliminate pollution and conserve water, land and energy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans commit to being good stewards of North Dakota’s air, land and water resources to create sustainable, healthy communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 22, 2022, EARTH DAY in the State of North Dakota.