## PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation, protection and appreciation of our nation's natural resources; and

**Whereas,** April 22, 2017 marks the forty-seventh anniversary of Earth Day, this unique event provides an opportunity to appreciate our natural heritage, increase ecological awareness and to take active steps to preserve our environment. The City recognizes this growing awareness and concern, expanding Earth Day into a week long educational event; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment, by recognizing that all human life depends upon the Earth and upon one another for our mutual existence, well-being and development. We all deserve clean air, clean water and a healthy ecosystem; and

Whereas, the steps we can take to protect and preserve our natural environment through education, partnerships and positive actions should be encouraged in the City of Boynton Beach; and

Whereas, the citizens of Boynton Beach are committed not only to the protection and preservation of our environment, but also to the restoration of ecosystems and habitat; and

Whereas, Boynton Beach citizens, staff and elected officials have been working closely with federal, state, and local governments and with non-governmental organizations, to develop and implement regulations and ordinances specifically designed to preserve and improve Boynton Beach's fragile ecosystems and the quality of life therein; and

Whereas, Boynton Beach proudly recognizes all who participate in Earth Day, for their dedication to taking a proactive role in shaping the future of our environment and in protecting Boynton Beach's precious natural resources.

**Now therefore**, I, Steven B. Grant, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Boynton Beach, FL do hereby proclaim April 22, 2017, as

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in Boynton Beach and urge all our citizens to be mindful of local state and national laws which protect our environment and to join in efforts to preserve the beauty and wonder of the lands, skies and water of the Earth in all its diversity.

**In witness whereof**, I Steven B. Grant, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, to be affixed at Boynton Beach, Florida, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand Seventeen.

ATTEST:	Steven B. Grant, Mayor
Judith A. Pyle, CMC City Clerk	
(Corporate Seal)	