

The City of Holland, Michigan



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the global community faces challenges such as environmental degradation, extreme weather events, resource shortages, and global health issues; and

WHEREAS, The Holland community recognizes the important role that a sound natural environment plays in maintaining a healthy society, strong economy, the natural beauty of the Great Lakes and the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Holland Community Energy Plan makes our community a national leader in energy security, affordability, sustainability, and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, our city applauds the local businesses and organizations who seek to protect our environment including the Holland Board of Public Works, the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, the Holland Youth Advisory Council's Environmental Committee, the Outdoor Discovery Center, Ottawa Food, the West Michigan Environmental Council, and many other partners; and

WHEREAS, the city's Sustainability Framework supports curbside recycling, the Project Pride Coupon for solid waste recycling, the Home Energy Retro Fit program, the Urban Tree Canopy, 18 city parks, and promotion of public programs such as Bike to Work Week, Skip the Straw Day, Beach Clean Up events at Holland State Park; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the individual contributions of sustainable actions of household throughout the city of Holland who continue to lead with sustainable practices in the home; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 53rd anniversary of the Earth Day movement let it be known that the City of Holland, Michigan, encourages all businesses, institutions, and individuals to celebrate the earth and commit to caring and leading with sustainable efforts for future generations of Holland residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023 as

Earth Day

We encourage Holland residents to learn about the challenges our planet faces in the coming years and work to combat climate change and environmental degradation, support green economy initiatives, and to encourage others to undertake similar actions so that future generations of humanity may enjoy the gift of life on our planet Earth.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, this 19th of April 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nathan Bocks", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Nathan Bocks