



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, 2020 marked the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, first celebrated on April 22, 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, landmark environmental legislation has resulted from the Earth Day movement, including the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts, as well as a vastly expanded understanding of our fragile environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Aiken is officially designated as a Tree City, USA, by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Aiken has continued to improve our local environment with policies on recycling, tree planting, energy conservation, and improved land and water usage.

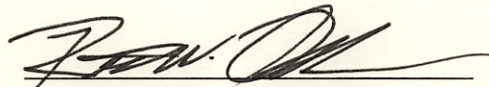
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Aiken will recognize the efforts of those working to improve our environment both locally and nationally through support and participation in the local Earth Day activities, and

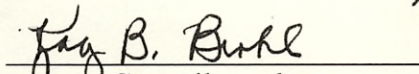
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Aiken, along with the sponsors of Aiken Earth Day activities, recognizes the continued need for environmentally sound policies at the individual, community, state, federal, and global levels.

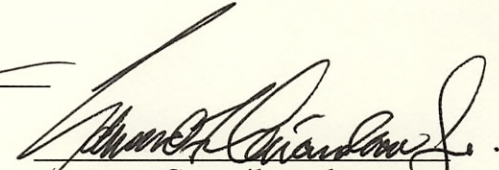
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick N. Osbon, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Aiken, South Carolina, do hereby designate April 22, 2023 as**

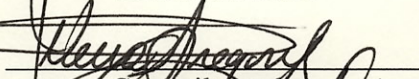
### **EARTH DAY in AIKEN!**

and urge our citizens to support Earth Day 2023 and look for ways to promote green city initiatives in our community.

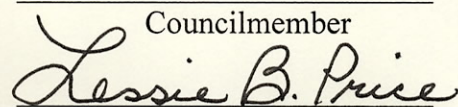
  
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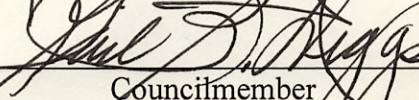
  
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