



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY 2017

WHEREAS, humankind is currently facing tremendous challenges affecting every community, including large-scale migration, extreme inequality and poverty, degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and global climate change; and

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, no matter their race, gender, income, sexual orientation, or national origin, have a right to a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the youth of the world are our most valuable resource and represent a source of endless creativity and potential; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the citizens of our global community to develop green jobs and to build an innovative and equitable green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges, and

WHEREAS, expanding environmental education and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, inform decision-making, and protect future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to act locally and to cooperate internationally and defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore granted; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Flaggs, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS, on behalf of the Honorable Michael A. Mayfield, North Ward Alderman, and the Honorable Willis T. Thompson, South Ward Alderman, have the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2017 as **EARTH DAY** throughout the city of Vicksburg and encourage all of our citizens, businesses, and institutions to use **EARTH DAY** to celebrate the Earth and promote environmental and climate literacy.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature and the Official Seal of the City of Vicksburg on this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

Mayor George Flaggs, Jr.

Alderman Michael A. Mayfield

Alderman Willis T. Thompson