



**Adirondack
Park Agency**

**RESOLUTION
IN RECOGNITION OF EARTH DAY APRIL 22, 2014**

Whereas, Planet Earth has been heralded on Earth Day for the past forty-four years as a day of tribute and wonder for all people to stand together in recognition of the natural world, and

Whereas, Earth Day is celebrated each year to show support for environmental protection and long term sustainability, and

Whereas, words cannot fully express the hidden spirit of the Earth's natural wonders or reveal its mystery, and

Whereas, poets such as William Blake inspire humanity to thoughtfully reflect upon our relationship to the Earth by eloquently writing, "To see a world in a grain of sand, And heaven in a wild flower, To hold infinity in the palm of your hand, And eternity in an hour," and

Whereas, great conservation leaders such as Theodore Roosevelt brilliantly define our obligations to the Earth and its human communities by stating, "Nations behave well if they treat the natural resources as assets which they turn over to the next generation increased and not impaired in value," and

Whereas, these inspirational words do resonate with our Adirondack Park experience, as we reflect upon the beauty of everyday life in the 102 towns and villages, and our responsibility to ensure the environment and economy of the Adirondack Park are passed on to future generations more vibrant than we inherited them;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that through strong partnerships and the quest for common ground, together our collective aspirations, hopes and commitment will be an undivided and driving force for the Adirondack Park to remain one of the Earth's truly special places with value to all Adirondackers, New Yorkers and visitors.