



**Adirondack  
Park Agency**

**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNITION OF EARTH DAY APRIL 22, 2015**

**Whereas**, as stated by President Thomas Jefferson, “The essence of the relationship between humans and the earth is that of a trust, a guardianship, where the future takes priority over the present and past,” and

**Whereas**, the Adirondack Park, once over-harvested, is now blanketed in wild forests that encompass 102 towns and villages, a 10,000-square-mile island in the densely populated northeastern United States that exists today because scientists, citizens, and conservationists convinced their fellow voters to amend the state constitution to protect the Adirondacks, and

**Whereas**, in the words of Senator Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day, “The economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment,” and

**Whereas**, under Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s leadership there is a strong understanding that viable local economies that provide meaningful work without threatening biodiversity are of paramount importance to the continued sustainability of the Adirondack Park, and

**Whereas**, the Adirondack Park Agency has a 40 year legacy and commitment to environmental protection and livable communities, and

**Whereas**, today the Adirondack Park still retains large tracts of open space land which serve as havens for wildlife and human beings as well as the foundation for critically important industries such as forest products, agriculture and tourism, and

**Whereas**, the Agency will continue to promote through its deliberations, policies and actions a greater reliance on smart growth, local renewable energy sources, local farm products, and an increased connectivity between communities and the Forest Preserve;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Adirondack Park Agency considers every day Earth Day and is passionately committed to working with all stakeholders to educate the world on how human activity in harmony with nature is not only possible but is absolutely essential to the well-being of future generations.