

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 500

Introduced by Mello, 5; Cook, 13; Craighead, 6; Crawford, 45; Gloor, 35; Haar, 21; Lindstrom, 18; McCollister, 20; Scheer, 19; Williams, 36.

WHEREAS, Earth Day is April 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in held on April 22, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day has evolved into the largest civic observance in the world with more than one billion people participating in Earth Day activities; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a reminder that everyone can play a part in improving their environment and maintaining responsible stewardship over the only planet we have; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Day Network works with over 50,000 partners in 196 countries to broaden, diversify, and mobilize the global environmental movement to encourage citizens to remember the importance of protecting and conserving our natural resources and environment; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Day Network provides civic engagement opportunities at the local, state, national, and global levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature designates April 22, 2016, as Earth Day in the State of Nebraska.

2. That on this day, Nebraskans are encouraged to join the millions of other Earth Day participants in recycling, volunteering, and taking part in minimum-waste and sustainable initiatives.

3. That Nebraskans are also encouraged to continue to take part in activities that promote ecological sustainability in their communities year-round to ensure healthy environments for future generations.