

# RESOLUTION

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 24, 2023

## Recognizing April 22, 2023 as Earth Day

*WHEREAS*, plastic waste can be found everywhere, even in the most remote places on the planet, affecting both humans and animals; and that only approximately ten percent of plastic waste is recycled; and

*WHEREAS*, humankind is currently facing tremendous global challenges, among them the need to manage an increased amount of waste to which plastics will contribute roughly 12,000 million metric tons by 2050; and

*WHEREAS*, all people of this Earth, from all walks of life, have a right to a healthy environment and plastic pollution has been associated with several health issues affecting the general population; and

*WHEREAS*, children, the youth, and the most vulnerable are disproportionately affected by plastic pollution; and

*WHEREAS*, it is more important than ever to cooperate to find solutions for the plastic waste that is concentrating in several enormous patches in the ocean and that threatens the human food chain; and

*WHEREAS*, it is essential to involve the community in the design and implementation of solutions for pressing environmental issues such as plastic pollution; and

*WHEREAS*, ending plastic pollution is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

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

*BE IT RESOLVED* that the Board of Trustees recognize April 22, 2023 as Earth Day throughout the South Orange County Community College District and encourages students, faculty and staff to use Earth Day to celebrate the Earth and promote the wellbeing and the protection of the environment.

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