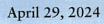


BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Designating April 22, 2024 as

Earth Day

WHEREAS, plastic waste can be found everywhere, land or sea, even in the most remote places on the planet, affecting both humans and animals; 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, approximately only 10% of plastic waste is recycled; and

WHEREAS, all people have a right to a healthy environment and plastic pollution has been associated with several health issues and the young are disproportionately affected by plastic pollution; and

WHEREAS, it is important to cooperate on solutions for the plastic waste that is concentrating in enormous patches in the ocean and ending plastic pollution is crucial to the survival of this planet; 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, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts; now, therefore

SEIT RESOLVED that the South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees recognize April 22, 2024 as Earth Day throughout the South Orange County Community College District and encourage all students, faculty and staff to use Earth Day to celebrate the Earth and promote the wellbeing of the inhabitants.

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