WHEREAS, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges such as environmental degradation, warfare, climate change, food and water shortages, and global health issues; and

WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment as our unique Montana Constitution advocates; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the people of Great Falls and their government can locally step forward and take action to create positive environmental change to help combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

WHEREAS, a sustainable environment can be achieved on the individual and community level through educational efforts, consumer activism campaigns and public input to the city’s growth policy and county-wide Commercial–Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program that promotes conservation and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an opportunity to increase environmental awareness, and broaden support for environmentally sound policies to protect the planet that sustains us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB KELLY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023 as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Great Falls, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens to recognize the efforts of the Golden Triangle Resource Council, Citizens for Clean Energy and local groups and volunteers who work to make Great Falls thrive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 18th day of April, 2023.

Bob Kelly, Mayor