



## TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE EARTH DAY 2020 PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 1970, millions of people took to the streets to protect the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development and, since then, millions of people have celebrated Earth Day in order to increase the awareness among people of the issues affecting the environment in which we live; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Weaverville wishes to join all of the other environmentally-minded jurisdictions around the world celebrating Earth Day; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable, so this enormous challenge — but also the vast opportunities — of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day;

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes the benefit of promoting climate change awareness and the effect that even small changes can have on our climate, including:

- *change lightbulbs to LEDs*
- *replace HVAC filters every 3 months*
- *unplug unused electronics*
- *participate in the Town's recycling service operated by Curbie*
- *drink great quality tap water produced by the Town instead of buying bottled water*
- *with the Town's walkability map as a guide, walk more*
- *watch the movie Wall-E or read The Lorax*
- *respond to the Census so we can all be counted*
- *consider reducing consumption of meat*
- *opt for reusable bags*
- *decline plastic drinking straws*
- *create a pollinator garden*
- *plant a tree and promote Weaverville as a Tree City*
- *shop and eat in Weaverville*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Allan P. Root, Mayor of the Town of Weaverville, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 22, 2020, as Earth Day and encourage all residents to join the Town in celebrating the earth, recognizing climate change as a challenge that needs solutions, and choosing small ways to combat climate change each day.

**THIS** the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ALLAN P. ROOT, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

DEREK HUNINGHAKE, Town Clerk

