



## EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring an appreciation of our nation's natural resources through conservation and protection; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pollinators play an important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species are in decline due to habitat loss and the use of pesticides, causing species like the monarch butterfly to decline significantly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southamptton, MA. recognizes that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is an annual reminder for the need for environmental awareness and continued stewardship commitments;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Christine Fowles, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Select Board Chair of the Town of Southamptton, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023 as Earth Day in Southamptton and encourage all residents and businesses to do their part to respect and enjoy our pristine rural environment. As a first action, I have signed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. This national initiative offers opportunities to individuals in communities like Southamptton, to restore native habitat that will support the monarch butterfly and other local pollinator species.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4/20/23