



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

March 14, 2023 - Introduced by Senators HESSELBEIN, TAYLOR, ROYS, L. JOHNSON, CARPENTER, LARSON, AGARD, SPREITZER, PFAFF, WIRCH and SMITH, cosponsored by Representatives JOERS, SINICKI, MOORE OMOKUNDE, BARE, RATCLIFF, EMERSON, STUBBS, OHNSTAD, SHELTON, DRAKE, NEUBAUER, JACOBSON, ANDRACA, J. ANDERSON, CONSIDINE, CONLEY, HAYWOOD, MYERS, PALMERI, C. ANDERSON, HONG, MADISON, SUBECK, SHANKLAND, SNODGRASS, VINING and CLANCY. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring April 22, 2023, as the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day.

2 Whereas, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April
3 22 to demonstrate support for environmental conservation while recognizing the
4 protection of our land, water, and air; and

5 Whereas, Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin,
6 who called for a “national teach-in on the crisis of the environment” to be held on
7 April 22, 1970; and

8 Whereas, Senator Nelson aimed to send a message to Washington, DC, from
9 people across the nation that public opinion called for clean water and air and the
10 protection of our environment; and

11 Whereas, the first Earth Day motivated 20 million Americans, including 2,000
12 colleges, to organize together to advocate for a diverse array of solutions to climate
13 challenges; and

14 Whereas, Senator Nelson’s leadership and the impacts of the first Earth Day
15 went on to produce the Environmental Decade, which ushered in the support of

