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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, One of the City of Elgin's goals listed in its Sustainability Action Plan is to "educate the community on the value of sustainable practices and healthy living"; and

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WHEREAS, The Elgin Sustainability Commission created the 2019 Elgin Earth Month Planning Committee to help expand Earth Day into a month-long community awareness initiative on environmental issues and sustainability practices; and

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WHEREAS, Both Rep. Anna Moeller and Sen. Cristina Castro serve as honorary co-chairs of Elgin Earth Month in 2019; and

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WHEREAS, A diversity of different organizations, businesses, and groups, such as the Gail Borden Public Library District, Elgin Township, Elgin Community College and many others, are collaborating with the city to promote environmental awareness and education throughout April; and

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WHEREAS, Over 20 different events, activities, and projects are being hosted by a variety of organizations and businesses across the entire city during April; and

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WHEREAS, Internationally renowned environmental advocates, including Xiuhtezcatl Martinez and Renee Scheltema, have been

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1 invited to Elgin and will participate in programs designed to
2 educate citizens about what they can do to save the planet; and

3 WHEREAS, It is understood that sustainability will only be
4 achieved by meeting the needs of the present without
5 compromising the needs of future generations; and

6 WHEREAS, It is more important than ever for local
7 governments to work at proactively engaging a mosaic of
8 stakeholder groups and to defend the environmental progress
9 that has been heretofore gained; and

10 WHEREAS, It is essential to expand and diversify the
11 environmental movement to achieve maximum progress; and

12 WHEREAS, It is important for local communities to stay
13 focused on the constant need for environmental activism,
14 stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we declare April 2019 as Elgin Earth Month and encourage all of
19 its citizens, businesses, and institutions to use this time to
20 celebrate the Earth and promote the protection of our species;
21 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Mayor of Elgin.