

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, plastic waste can be found everywhere, land or sea, even in the most remote places on our planet, negatively impacting humans and animals.

WHEREAS, humankind is currently facing tremendous global challenges, among them the need to manage an increased amount of waste to which plastics will contribute roughly 12,000 million metric tons by 2050.

WHEREAS, approximately only 10% of plastic waste is recycled.

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, from all walks of life, should enjoy a healthy environment, and plastic pollution has been associated with several health issues affecting the general population; and

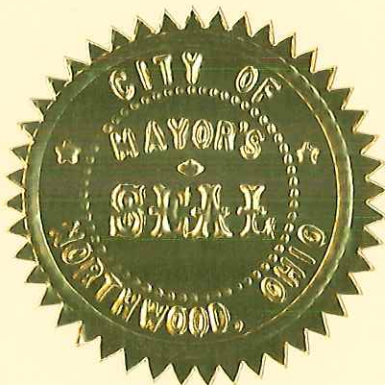
WHEREAS, it is most important than ever to cooperate to find solutions for the plastic waste that is concentrating in several enormous patches in the ocean and that threatens the human food chains; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to involve the community in the design and implementation of solutions for pressing environmental issues such as plastic pollution; and

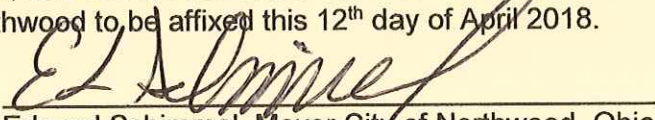
WHEREAS, ending plastic pollution is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need to protect our environment from pollution, to renew our stewardship commitments, and to better sustainability efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Schimmel, Mayor of the City of Northwood, have the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2018 as **EARTH DAY** throughout the City of Northwood and encourage all of our residents, businesses, and institutions to use *EARTH DAY* to promote the wellbeing of the inhabitants of our city and the protection of our environment, by making a conscious effort to reduce plastic waste.



IN THE WITNESS WHEREOF, I here-unto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the City of Northwood to be affixed this 12th day of April 2018.


Edward Schimmel, Mayor City of Northwood, Ohio