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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution H.J.Res. 258 - "Earth Day"
Sponsor - Rep. Lehman (D) Florida and 15 others

*Announced
3/20/75
To Archives
3/20/75*

Last Day for Action

Purpose

Authorizes and requests the President to proclaim March 21, 1975, as "Earth Day."

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Council on Environmental Quality	Approval (informal)
Environmental Protection Agency	Approval (informal)

Discussion

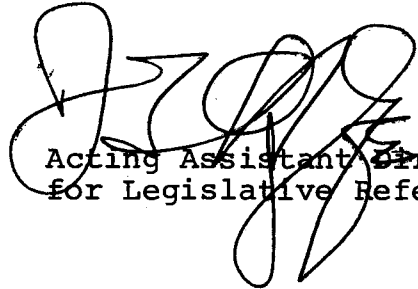
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"Earth Day" has been celebrated on the first day of Spring since its observance by environmental groups began in 1971. Its purpose is to encourage Americans to rededicate their efforts to preserve and protect the environment and to reflect on environmental problems and solutions. This event is expected to serve as the focus of numerous special environmental education projects in schools across the country, and, as in past years, the peace bell at the United Nations will toll at the exact moment of the Spring equinox to commemorate the occasion.



*Bill and Proc.
request on
3-20-75*

A proposed proclamation which would implement the joint resolution is attached. It has been approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and attorneys in the Department of Justice who review proclamations as to form and legality have indicated to us informally that they perceive no objection to it.


Acting Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference

Enclosures



ACTION

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON *JC*
SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 258
Earth Day

Attached for your consideration is H.J. Res. 258 sponsored by Representatives Lehman and 15 others which authorizes and requests the President to issue a proclamation designating March 21 as "Earth Day".

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf and the Counsel's office recommend approval of the proclamation which has been cleared by Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the proclamation at Tab B.

That you sign H.J. Res. 258 at Tab C.

*Proclamation signed and dated : 3/20/75
Announced : 3/20/75
To Archives : 3/20/75*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: March 19, 1975

Time: 6:30 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Mike Duval
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus
Paul Theis

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
Jim Cavanaugh
Jack Marsh
Robert Hartmann

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: March 20

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

H.J. Res. 258 - Earth Day

ACTION REQUESTED:

- For Necessary Action
- For Your Recommendations
- Prepare Agenda and Brief
- Draft Reply
- For Your Comments
- Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

The attached Resolution and proclamation designate March 21 as Earth Day.

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

*OK
M. Duval /ija*

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

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Per: [unclear]

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

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FOR ACTION:

Mike Duval *MD*
 Max Friedersdorf *MF*
 Ken Lazarus
 Paul Theis *PT*

cc (for information):

Warren Hendriks
 Jim Cavanaugh
 Jack Marsh
 Robert Hartmann

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: March 20

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

H.J. Res. 258 - Earth Day

ACTION REQUESTED:

<input type="checkbox"/> For Necessary Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Your Recommendations
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Agenda and Brief	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft Reply
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Your Comments	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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K. R. COLE, JR.
 For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN HENDRIKS
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*
SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No.
H.J. Res. 258 - Earth Day

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the Agencies that the **subject resolution should be signed.**

Attachments



Date: March 19, 1975

Time: 6:30 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Mike Duval
 Max Friedersdorf
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 Paul Theis

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 Robert Hartmann

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: March 20

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

H.J. Res. 258 - Earth Day

ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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 March 21 as Earth Day.

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No objection. -- Ken Lazarus

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Date: March 19, 1975

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6:30 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Mike Duval
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus
Paul Theis

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
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FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: March 20

Time: ~~noon~~ 10 Am

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RETURN TO
ROOM 128

EARTH DAY, 1975

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The earth will continue to regenerate its
life sources only ^{AS} long as we and all the peoples
of the world do our part to conserve its natural
resources. It is a responsibility which ~~each of~~ ^{every human}

^{being} ~~us~~ shares with our neighbor.

~~Our~~ ^Energy problems have heightened our growing
awareness of the interdependence of our natural re-
sources. We must ~~all~~ work together to solve the
environmental issues ^{associated with} ~~attendant to~~ the proper use
and preservation of those resources.

Through voluntary action, each of us can join
~~with one another~~ in building a productive land in
harmony with nature.

By a joint resolution of March 18, 1975, ^{the}
Congress has pointed out the need to continue our
environmental education and to promote a greater
understanding of the environmental problems facing
~~our~~ ^{nation} ~~the~~ ^{America}.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President
of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim
Friday, March 21, 1975, as Earth Day. I call upon
all concerned citizens and government officials to
observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and
activities. I ask that special attention be given
to personal voluntary activities and educational
efforts directed toward protecting and enhancing our
lifegiving environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand this day of , in the
year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five,
and of the Independence of the United States of
America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

W. Henderson
3/19/75
5:30



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAR 19 1975

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(Signed) James F. C. Hyde, Jr.

Acting Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

EARTH DAY

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The earth will continue to regenerate its life sources only so long as we and all the peoples of the world do our part to conserve its natural resources. It is a responsibility which each of us shares with our neighbor.

Our energy problems have heightened our growing awareness of the interdependence of our natural resources. We must all work together to solve the environmental issues attendant to the proper use and preservation of those resources.

Through voluntary action, each of us can join with one another in building a productive land in harmony with nature.

By a joint resolution of March 18, 1975, Congress has pointed out the need to continue our environmental education and to promote a greater understanding of the environmental problems facing our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 21, 1975, as Earth Day. I call upon all concerned citizens and government officials to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I ask that special attention be given to personal voluntary activities and educational efforts directed toward protecting and enhancing our lifegiving environment.



Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five*

Joint Resolution

To designate March 21, 1975, as "Earth Day".

Whereas environmental issues rank very high on the scale of general public concern, and are of importance to a broad spectrum of Americans of all ages, interests, and political persuasions;
Whereas there is a need and desire for continuing environmental education, and for a continuing nationwide review and assessment of environmental progress and of further steps to be taken;
Whereas Earth Day would promote a greater understanding of the serious environmental problems facing our Nation, and encourage a persistent search for solutions;
Whereas Earth Day would serve as the focus of special environmental education projects of hundreds of thousands of grade school, high school, and college students; and
Whereas Earth Day would provide a base for a continuing commitment by all interests, including education, agriculture, business, labor, government, civic and private organizations, and individuals, in a cooperative effort to improve and protect the quality of our environment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That March 21, 1975, is hereby designated as "Earth Day", a time to draw attention to the need to continue the nationwide effort of education concerning environmental problems, to review and assess environmental progress and to determine the further steps that need to be taken, and to renew the commitment and dedication of each American to improve and protect the quality of the environment. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

MARCH 20, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

EARTH DAY, 1975

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

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By a joint resolution, the Congress has pointed out the need to continue our environmental education and to promote a greater understanding of the environmental problems facing America.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

March 19, 1975

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bill was received at the White House on March 19th:

H.J. Res. 258

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of this bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.

