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Joint Resolution

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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

Earth Day.
Designation.

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.

Approved March 20, 1975.

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