

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93-4657, by Representatives Rust, Horn, L. Johnson, Holm, Cothorn, Linville, Anderson, Flemming, Hansen, Roland, Romero, Bray, Thibaudeau, Heavey, Johanson, Rayburn, Shin, Finkbeiner, Morris, Patterson, Pruitt, Jacobsen, Wang, Riley, Ogden, J. Kohl, Wolfe, G. Cole, Karahalios, Zellinsky, Brown, R. Fisher, H. Myers, Van Luven, Edmondson, Springer, Foreman, Chandler, Sheahan, Brough, Thomas and Kremen

WHEREAS, Our environment is devoid of borders and boundaries that separate cities, states, and continents; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day began twenty-three years ago this week as a celebration of life on our fragile planet; and

WHEREAS, Since then, our environment has benefited from countless new protections while it has also suffered devastating disasters at the hands of its caretakers; and

WHEREAS, While we, as individuals, are often our environment's worst enemy, we are also capable of being its best ally; and

WHEREAS, While we pause every Spring to commemorate this day, we must also remember that increased awareness alone will not protect our world from further threats or future environmental destruction; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day reminds us, for a short time, of our obligation as temporary residents of this planet and of the need to fulfill that charge every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, Washington state is the home of Denis Hayes, the Executive Director of the nation's first Earth Day celebration, and Washington is also the birthplace of landmark environmental legislation; and

WHEREAS, Our state has taken great strides in recent years to protect our waterways from oil spills, clean the air we breathe, safeguard our wetlands, and encourage recycling; and

WHEREAS, We must not allow that pride to foster complacency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize and acknowledge the foresight and contributions of Denis Hayes and countless others with environmental awareness in Washington and throughout the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives observe and commemorate Earth Day as a time for reflection, renewal, and recommitment to a clean and protected environment.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4657 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 22, 1993.

Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk