



2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 141

February 17, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives HESSELBEIN, MURSAU, KOLSTE, BOWEN, PETRYK, SPREITZER, HEBL, BROSTOFF, ZAMARRIPA, STUBBS, EMERSON, NEUBAUER, C. TAYLOR, SHANKLAND, CABRERA, SINICKI, MILROY, SARGENT, ANDERSON, CROWLEY, B. MEYERS, POPE, CONSIDINE and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators MILLER, WIRCH, RISSER, SCHACHTNER, CARPENTER, L. TAYLOR, BEWLEY, RINGHAND and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring April 22, 2020, as the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.

2 Whereas, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April
3 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection; and

4 Whereas, Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin
5 who in September 1969 called for a national teach-in on the environment to send a
6 message to Washington that public opinion was solidly behind a bold political agenda
7 on environmental problems; and

8 Whereas, in 1970, the first Earth Day motivated millions of Americans
9 organized together and independently to advocate for a diverse array of climate
10 challenges; and

11 Whereas, Gaylord Nelson's leadership went on to produce the Environmental
12 Decade which ushered in the support of environmental legislation such as the
13 National Environmental Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and stringent
14 amendments to strengthen the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts; and

