

# Mayoral Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is Saturday, April 22, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is celebrated annually to recommit to the goals of a healthy environment and a peaceful, just and sustainable world; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northfield and our citizens are committed, through the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, ordinances, policies and our actions, to the preservation and stewardship of our natural landscape, open space and sensitive environmental areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northfield and our citizens are committed to preserve agricultural land and encourage activities that support locally grown food; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northfield fosters and encourages environmentally-sound businesses and promotes the use of non-motorized transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, I acknowledge our collective responsibility for environmental education, stewardship and community sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, I acknowledge that, to "Protect Our Home" - our Town *and* our Earth – I, as Mayor, must provide leadership, tap into the expertise and talent of our community and engage the hearts and minds of all citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Rhonda Pownell, Mayor of Northfield, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim The City of Northfield's commitment to the goals and principles of Earth Day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in recognition of Earth Day 2017, and in keeping with our mission to protect and enhance the long-term health of Northfield's natural environment, economy and community, the City of Northfield supports Earth Day by declaring Saturday, April 22, 2017

**as Earth Day in Northfield, Minnesota.**

PROCLAIMED by the Honorable Mayor Rhonda Pownell on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

*Rhonda Pownell*

