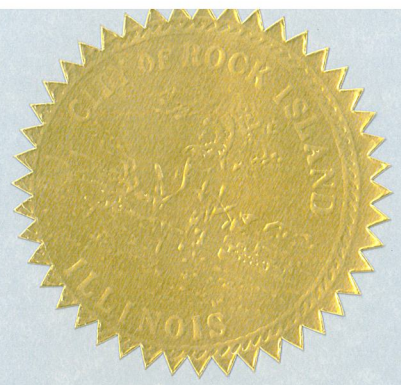




ROCK ISLAND  
ILLINOIS

Mayor Mike Thoms



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, created in 1970, Earth Month is held annually in the month of April, with Earth Day held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and its mission is to bring environmental awareness and create consciousness around the issues that affect mother nature globally, and its mission includes inspiring the integration of sustainable practices into everyday activities and encouraging participation in improving the health of the earth; and

**WHEREAS**, during Earth Month each year, leaders and environmental activists from around the world join to create sustainable development and offer climate solutions in order to minimize our carbon footprint and prevent further harm to our planet's natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 theme for Earth Day is *Planets vs. Plastics* which focuses on the commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040.

**WHEREAS**, organizations, environmentalists, businesses, and individuals from around the globe are celebrating Earth Month including the City of Rock Island, Illinois, to bring awareness and inspire others to become environmentally sensitive, not just during Earth Month and Earth Day, but each day of the year.

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the City of Rock Island are encouraged to implement practices designed to preserve and protect our environment and shape the future of our environmental security.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mike Thoms, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2024 as

## EARTH MONTH

in the City of Rock Island.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2024.

Mike Thoms, Mayor