



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, A sound natural environment is the foundation of a healthy society and a robust economy; and
- WHEREAS. Human activities around the globe are causing severe environmental damage that threatens human health and our planet's ability to sustain a diverse community of life; and
- WHEREAS, Local communities can and have done much to reverse environmental degradation and contribute to building a healthy society by addressing issues such as recycling, energy use, transportation, waste prevention, and sprawl; and
- WHEREAS, Earth Day offers an opportunity to commit to building a healthy planet, flourishing communities and empowering citizens; and
- WHEREAS, Earth Day 2016 is the beginning of a new year for environmental stewardship commitments, for implementing sustainability efforts and committing to an Earth Day resolution.

FURTHERMORE, let it be known that the City of Holland hereby encourages its residents, businesses and facilities to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable and green economy.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Nancy De Boer, of the City of Holland, Michigan do hereby pledge on this Earth Day, April 22, 2016, to support green economy initiatives in the City of Holland, Michigan and to encourage others to undertake similar actions.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Holland, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2016

Nancy De Boer, Mayor