

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 619

Introduced by Mello, 5; Haar, 21.

WHEREAS, Earth Day is April 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in held on April 22, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day went global in 1990 when 200 million people in 141 countries participated in activities and events; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Day Network provides civic engagement opportunities at local, state, national, and global levels; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Day Network works with over 22,000 partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify, and mobilize the global environmental movement to encourage citizens to remember the importance of protecting and conserving our natural resources and environment; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Day Network estimates that this year 500 million people from 4,500 organizations in 180 countries will participate in Earth Day events during the month of April.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature designates April 22, 2014, as Earth Day in the State of Nebraska.

2. That on this day Nebraskans are encouraged to volunteer and take the opportunity to join the millions of other Earth Day participants in

reducing, reusing, and recycling, and taking part in minimum-waste and sustainable initiatives.

3. That Nebraskans are also encouraged to continue to take part in activities that promote ecological sustainability in their communities year-round to ensure healthy environments for future generations.