

Proclamation

EARTH DAY 2016

WHEREAS, City Council adopted a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction target of 27% by 2020 from 2005 levels in March 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park installed solar power systems to offset at least 80% of its electrical demand at four of its largest municipal buildings in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park won four Beacon Spotlight Awards for Sustainability from the Institute for Local Government in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Menlo Park Municipal Water District won the 2016 Silicon Valley Water Conservation Award from a coalition of bay area water conservation agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved joining Peninsula Clean Power in order to provide additional renewable power to Menlo Park businesses and residents in 2016; and

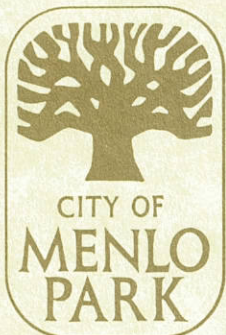
WHEREAS, City staff is currently working on draft zoning requirements which will incorporate green and sustainable building measures; and

WHEREAS, Menlo Park businesses and residents can take an active part in a local and area-wide success story that inspires global action; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is the beginning of a new year for cities to lead the charge in creating sustainable, green economies that serve as models for national and international leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Rich Cline, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park hereby pledge this Earth Day, April 22, 2016, to embrace the City's commitment to sustainability and to encourage other cities to embrace this commitment; and

FURTHERMORE, let it be known that the City of Menlo Park hereby encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to use Earth Day to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable and green economy.



Rich Cline, Mayor