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**On the occasion of the celebration of Earth Day 2010 in Croton-on-Hudson at Senasqua Park as organized by our Village's volunteer Conservation Advisory Council and Sustainability Committee and many others;**

**Whereas**, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has a long and vibrant tradition of acting to "*Inform and Inspire the Public*" and this tradition includes both a community-wide series of event that engage our heads, hands, and hearts; and

**Whereas**, a healthy and resilient environment, a healthy and vigorous human population, a healthy and dynamic local economy are each dependent on the other, and are one and the same in the eyes of the long natural history of the Hudson Valley; and

**Whereas**, the gifts of Nature to our shores and hillsides are both rich and diverse, and yet threatened by our own human actions; and

**Whereas**, we have within ourselves the will and power to mitigate those actions which erode natural resources and to adapt to the negative consequences that we may not be able to avoid;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that—with the powers vested in me as Mayor of this fair village—I proclaim the today, the twenty-fourth day of April, 2010, as "***Earth Day***" in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Village and its residents commit to undertaking programs and projects that enhance our community's natural environment, and restore its resilience to protect the biological diversity of life in our region for the next generation;

I now further humbly proclaim, that the community of the Village itself is much larger and more inclusive than mere dotted lines on a municipal map; and

That, more than a mere place, the Village is a state of mind that embraces with open arms and hearts the spirit of Earth Day, celebrating its fortieth anniversary this month; and

That all those present today bearing witness are hereby proclaimed Stewards of our Earth.

Leo A. W. Wiegman, Mayor