



Borough of Lewisburg

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MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

“Earth Day” Proclamation

WHEREAS, all known life in the history of the Universe lives precipitously on a small rock and metal ellipsoid spinning at 1,000 miles per hour and hurtling around the closest star, a giant gas thermonuclear reaction (“The Sun”), at 67,000 miles per hour.

WHEREAS, all life is sustained by a complex, delicate web of interconnected life and an endless and uninterrupted series of actions and reactions.

WHEREAS, since the Industrial Revolution, human beings (largely in the Global North) have burned fossil fuels like coal, methane, and oil to support unprecedented levels of economic and population growth.

WHEREAS, even in the most optimistic climate projections, where the world comes together to reduce greenhouse gas emission by 50% by 2030 and becomes fully net-zero by 2050, our planet will warm by 1.5 Degrees Celsius, resulting in a 70-90% die-off of our global coral reefs, 8.6 times as many annual heatwaves as our great-grandparents experienced between 1850 and 1900, 1-3 ft. of sea level rise over the next 77 years, and 6 percent of the insects, 8 percent of the plants and 4 percent of the vertebrates will see their climatically determined geographic range reduced by more than half.

WHEREAS, our climate crisis presents the Borough of Lewisburg with an opportunity to increasing preparedness for natural hazards like flooding, drought, heatwave, more frequent and more severe hydrological events while bettering the lives of residents through improving walkability, bikeability, tree canopy, biodiversity, energy efficiency, waste management, and more.

Now, Therefore, I, Kendy Alvarez, Mayor of Lewisburg, proclaim Saturday, April 22nd as Earth Day in the Borough of Lewisburg.

Kendy Alvarez, Mayor
April 18, 2023