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Earth Day Reminds Us to Protect Wisconsin's Environment

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This week, people around the globe will observe Earth Day to show their support for environmental protection. The annual worldwide event was created with the help of former Wisconsin Senator and Governor Gaylord Nelson. On April 22nd each year, we are reminded of the importance of the environment and that we preserve and protect it in order to give future generations a healthy planet.

Governor Nelson is not alone in enriching to Wisconsin's environmental legacy- conservation giants Aldo Leopold and John Muir also called Wisconsin home. Considered to be the father of wildlife management, Leopold was a professor at UW-Madison and his conservation work remains influential to this day. Muir attended UW-Madison and went on to found the Sierra Club, an environmental preservation group.

I support strong efforts to preserve our environment and maintain our state's natural resources. I sit on the Assembly Committee on Environment and Forestry, where I get to hear testimony from citizens from all over the state about protecting our natural resources. I also am proud to have been named a Conservation Champion from both the Sierra Club and the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters.

There is more our country and state can to do tackle important issues that affect our environment, our climate, and our earth. Certainly there is more that we can do as a legislature. But you can also make your voice heard as a private citizen.

There are numerous events taking place all over the world to observe Earth Day. In the United States, the March for Science will bill taking place in cities including Washington, DC, Madison, and Chicago. The goal of the march is to celebrate science and support evidence-based policy regarding issues including global warming.

Closer to home, there are also events taking place in the 46th Assembly District:

- Stoughton will be hosting an Earth Day Expo featuring artists, environmental organizations, musicians, and food producers. The event run from 10 am until 5 pm on April 22. If you are interested in learning more about the event, you can visit sustainablestoughton.com.
- In Sun Prairie, the 2017 Earth Day Clean Up and Celebration will start with clean up at Sheehan Park on Friday, April 21 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, and the celebration taking place at the Sun Prairie Nitty Gritty from 5-8 pm.
- Also in Sun Prairie, Schönheit Gardens will be opening for the season by celebrating Earth Day starting at 8 am on Saturday, April 22.

All local events are free to attend.

I want to make sure that Wisconsin's environment is healthy and strong for years to come. That's why in the past I have authored legislation that would restore strong environmental protections, and will continue to do so going forward. We have to keep our future generations in mind when considering legislation, and make sure that we carry forward the legacy of Wisconsin's own conservation champions John Muir, Gaylord Nelson, and Aldo Leopold.

Rep. Gary Hebl represents the 46th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Sun Prairie and Stoughton, the village of Cottage Grove, and the townships of Cottage Grove, Dunkirk, Pleasant Springs, and Sun Prairie.

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