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50th Anniversary of Earth Day

On April 22nd we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. What many of you may not know is that Earth Day originated here Wisconsin.

In 1970 the first Earth Day was celebrated. It was first created by Wisconsin's Senator Gaylord Nelson after he was our Governor and a State Senator. Senator Nelson went on to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom and in 2002 the University of Wisconsin – Madison named their Institute for Environmental Studies after him.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary during this unprecedented time, here a few ideas we can do from home. For starters, planting a garden filled with fresh vegetables and herbs is a great way to grow your own food, and to help teach our kids how to be self-sufficient. We can tie this into teaching them about farmers and where a lot of our food comes from. If space is a problem or if you really only want one plant to look after, a potted plant in a window sill is also a great idea. Another great activity is spending time outdoors observing the seasonal shift from winter to spring and the behavioral changes of animals as they care for their offspring, it's something we can do while social distancing. Activities to celebrate can also include going for a hike, picking up trash outside, planting a tree, or even build a birdhouse.

While I know this continues to be a tough time for all of us, we can still come together and find ways to keep our minds active and our environments clean.

For more information on the history of Earth Day you can visit: <https://www.earthday.org/history/>

For more information on COVID-19 at the State level please visit:
<https://govstatus.egov.com/wi-covid-19>

For more information on COVID-19 at the Federal level please visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or <https://www.coronavirus.gov>

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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