

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING APRIL AS “EARTH MONTH” AND RECOGNIZING “NATIVE PLANT WEEK” IN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was enacted on April 22, 1970, and over 20 million Americans rallied together to advocate for a cleaner environment and protect the right of all of us to live free from environmental hazard and harm; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, environmentally-conscious activities and events occur which expand environmental education and climate literacy to enhance awareness about the environment, inform decision-making, and protect future generations; and

WHEREAS, Native Plant Week is recognized during the third week of April and often coincides with Earth Day on April 22nd where special events are held throughout San Diego County to encourage residents to identify what they can personally do to protect the environment and make our communities cleaner and greener; and

WHEREAS, California is home to more than 6,000 native plants which are an important part of our natural heritage, history, identity, and contribute to the beauty, scents, and habitat that make our state one of the most biodiverse on the planet; and

WHEREAS, people and organizations across the country can celebrate native plants by planting native trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, and grasses, planning educational events with schools and community organizations, hosting hands-on workshops, removing non-native invasive plants so native plants can thrive, and restoring areas with native habitats to allow birds, bees, butterflies, and all wildlife to flourish; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial Beach City Council, staff, and concerned residents continue to demand action to solve the cross-border pollution issues in the Tijuana River; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The month of April is declared “Earth Month” and the third week of April is recognized as “Native Plant Week” in the City of Imperial Beach.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach at its meeting held on the 2nd day of April 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

PALOMA AGUIRRE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

**JACQUELINE M. Kelly, MMC
CITY CLERK**