

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

EARTH MONTH
April 2012

EARTH DAY
April 22, 2012

WHEREAS, "Honoring Pennsylvania's Environmental Public Servants"—Pennsylvania's theme for Earth Month 2012—reflects the knowledge and professionalism of the commonwealth's environmental employees; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 6,000 individuals employed by the commonwealth in environmentally related careers at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Department of Conservation of Natural Resources (DCNR), the Fish and Boat Commission and the Game Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the DEP's inspectors conducted 24,363 site visits to waste, air and radiation facilities; 23,340 site visits to active and abandoned mines; 24,214 site visits to oil and gas facilities; and 13,753 site visits to water-related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the DEP's regulators issued a total of 41,310 permits in 2011 and overseers collected nearly \$9.4 million in penalties. Additionally, DEP's constituent service representatives responded to more than 9,000 complaints and their chemists and biologists collected 66,686 and tested 903,031 water, soil and air samples in 2011; and

WHEREAS, DCNR's managers oversee 120 state parks, welcoming about 38 million visitors annually. DCNR's foresters oversee the 2.2 million-acre state forest system to a level where it is independently certified as "well-managed" and their recreation professionals have assisted all Pennsylvania counties and more than half of all communities in meeting their recreation and conservation needs; and

WHEREAS, DCNR's scientists have developed the most advanced state digital map in the country.

THEREFORE, In special recognition of the aforementioned accomplishments and dedicated professionals in the above mentioned state agencies and commissions, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 2012 EARTH MONTH and April 22, 2012 as EARTH DAY in Pennsylvania.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-sixth.


TOM CORBETT
Governor

