



King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, King County recognizes the natural environment as the foundation of a healthy society and a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, King County works with community groups, businesses, and individuals to protect natural resources and maintain sustainable regional development to protect human sustainable health, safeguard the environment, and enrich quality of life for all; and

WHEREAS, climate change is a reality and we must act now to reduce our regional dependency on fossil fuels and develop a green economy based on eco-friendly fuel sources; and

WHEREAS, in its role as a regional government, King County has employed critical policies on land use, public transit provision, environmental management, and economic development to stimulate climate-friendly fuel and technology markets; and

WHEREAS, King County has reached its goal of using or producing renewable energy equal to half of its overall energy needs through innovations including capturing methane gas at its Cedar Hills landfill and wastewater plants, while cutting its energy needs and realizing savings of more than \$2 million per year; and

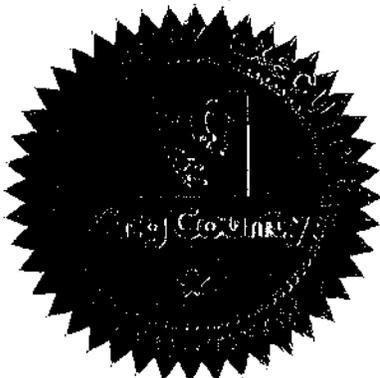
WHEREAS, this county provides tools and resources to help residents combat climate change through energy-conscious choices: using renewable energy, making homes energy efficient, and choosing alternative sources of fuel and transportation; and

WHEREAS, this year's 43rd annual Earth Day celebration showcases how to take these earth-friendly actions on the website www.kingcounty.gov/beinggreen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2013 to be

Earth Action Day

in King County. I encourage all residents to join me in celebrating the earth, as we continue to build a thriving community of residents empowered for environmental protection.



Dow Constantine
King County Executive