

## SAVE SOIL DAY MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR JOE BACKUS

Whereas, "Save Soil" is a global movement, launched by Sadhguru, uniting world leaders, visionaries, influencers, and citizens of all nations behind a common purpose - to restore and safeguard the world's soil; and

Whereas, Save Soil aims to address the global soil crisis, recognizing that 52% of the world's agricultural soils are already degraded, and by 2050, 90% of Earth's soil could be degraded; and

Whereas, addressing soil degradation issues would bring solutions for the loss of biodiversity, nutritional deficiencies, food security, water scarcity, climate change, and mass migration; and

Whereas, the proposed solution is to advocate for policies across all nations towards soil restoration and aim to increase organic content in agricultural soil to a minimum of 3-6%; and

Whereas, in an effort to raise awareness and activate support from leaders and citizens alike, Sadhguru was on a 30,000 km journey as a lone motorcyclist covering 27 nations over 100 days since March 21st, 2022; and

Whereas, this movement is supported by 81 nations globally.

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Joe Backus of the City of Scappoose do hereby proclaim March 21st as Save Soil Day in Scappoose, Oregon, as soil is vital to all life and urge all citizens to be a part of the Save Soil movement to support national policies towards soil restoration and aim to raise the organic content of soil to a minimum of 3% - 6%.

**Be it further proclaimed** that I urge all citizens to participate in creating bright futures for our children and the future of our planet.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Scappoose to be affixed at Scappoose City Hall on this 3rd day of April 2023.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest:

City Recorder Susan M. Reeves. MMC