

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson was a leader on the forefront of the modern day environmental movement and widely considered the “father” of Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson served his county honorably as in the United States Army, where he served four years during World War II; as a United States Senator from Wisconsin (1962-1980); and as Governor of Wisconsin (1958-1962); and

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson began his political career as a State Senator from Dane County (1948-1958); and

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson’s many accomplishments include the Outdoor Resources Action Program (ORAP) using a one-cent-per-pack cigarette tax to fund the state acquisition of parks and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson’s U.S. Senate legacy includes the St. Croix Wild and Scenic Riverway and the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore; and

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson declared, “Our goal is an environment of decency, quality and mutual respect for all other human creatures and for all living creatures ... The battle to restore a proper relationship between man and his environment, between ... man and other living creatures will require a long, sustained, political, moral, ethical and financial commitment – far beyond any effort made before.”

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson died peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 3, 2005 at the age of 89.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Kathleen M. Falk, Dane County Executive, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 13, 2005, as

“Gaylord Nelson Day”

in Dane County, Wisconsin.

Signed in the County of Dane, State of Wisconsin,
on this _____ day of July, 2005.

Kathleen M. Falk
Dane County Executive