



# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

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**WHEREAS,** the beauty of Lexington-Fayette County's natural resources - from the horse farms, to our streams and to the majestic Kentucky River - must be protected for future generations; and

**WHEREAS,** to sustain the precious land and water ways of our great city requires the stewardship of every person, as well as future generations; and

**WHEREAS,** stewardship is not possible without a strong sense of connection to the natural world and an understanding by our individual and collective responsibilities to protect it; and

**WHEREAS,** environmental education increases student engagement in science, improves student achievement in core subject areas, and increases student awareness about how they can help restore the health of the natural environment; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to engage individuals and organizations throughout our region to sustain a high quality of life through education, conservation, and the restoration and protection of natural resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Gorton, Mayor of Lexington in the state of Kentucky, do hereby declare October 14-19, 2019, as

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK IN LEXINGTON.**

*Linda Gorton*

**MAYOR**