

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 27TH - RACHEL CARSON DAY

WHEREAS, worldwide exposure to pesticides is greater than most people realize; and

WHEREAS, more than 3 billion kilograms of pesticides are spread on the earth annually, exposing both human and wildlife populations to chemicals, with potentially serious repercussions for life everywhere; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 years ago, the well-known writer, scientist and ecologist Rachel Carson alerted America and the world to the potential hazards of pesticides in her landmark book ***Silent Spring***. Despite the warning, the quantity of pesticides used in our country has continued to grow over the years and poses a potential threat to all life forms; and

WHEREAS, it is again time to increase public awareness of the potentially serious dangers of using excessive amounts of pesticides; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, The Members of the _____ do proclaim that May 27 is Rachel Carson Day throughout the Town of

_____, in honor of her prophetic work, and urge the citizens of _____ to focus their attention on the potentially serious hazards associated with pesticides;

and be it further RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the _____, invite citizens throughout _____ to observe May 27, the birth date of Rachel Carson, by refraining from using pesticides on that day and ask the citizens of _____ for their cooperation in seeking alternative methods of pest management.

Proclaimed this date, _____

in _____, Massachusetts

Signatories: