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R2020-028

Stacey Tolar

Location:

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We oppose Resolution 2020-028 promoting the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. It seems to us that Assembly Members Johnson and Dunne desire to force their political beliefs and agenda, and their religion, on all residents of the Kenai Peninsula. We do not agree with Earth Day as we believe it is part of the worship of Mother Earth. We are Christians and do not believe in Mother Earth. Our belief in creation is that of our Triune God who created all living things. Our Triune God also made all His children stewards of His Creation. We are not about to worship Mother Earth or celebrate Earth Day, and you have no right to force that upon us or any other resident of the Kenai Peninsula. If you want to do that on your own, so be it. If you want to stop forest fires, then you need to manage the forests better. One form of management would be to allow harvesting of timber where feasible. Another way would be to have regular controlled burns to get rid of the dead fall in the forests, also where feasible. The dead fall is what fuels the forest fires. If you are concerned about the wildlife in our rivers, specifically the salmon, you need to regulate the sports fishery better, as it is destroying the habitat of the salmon in the Kenai River and lake. Also, you need to stop allowing so many salmon to return up the Kenai River every year, because the river and lake cannot support the sustainability of so many salmon each year. The current environmentalists want to claim the Earth is warming up due to humans. We do not believe that. We believe there is climate change, but it is a part of nature and is not caused by humans. We also do not believe humans can control the climate. Back when we was growing up in the 60's and 70's -- when Earth Day was created -- there was alarm that the Ice Age was coming and we were all going to freeze to death as the Earth froze over. Well, it never happened. Now the doom and gloom is that the Earth is heating up and we're all going to burn up, or we're going to drown when the sea levels rise and cover the surface of the earth. If this were the case, shouldn't we have already seen the sea levels rise? These claims are all based on models and with the current COVID-19, we see how well the models reflect the truth of the matter — they don't. These are all false claims. The fact is that the climate is cyclical. Members of the Assembly can do what they want to do as an individual regarding celebrating Earth Day and furthering his/her religious worship of Mother Earth, but don't make it a requirement that everyone should participate in or even recognize such an event or religion. And finally, this is not a matter or issue that tax dollars should be spent on. However, just by it being put on the agenda is evidence that our tax dollars have already been spent on this issue and we oppose such use of the tax dollars we have paid to the Borough. Thank you for allowing us to comment, Tim and Stacey Tolar.

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This is a highly political move on the parts of Johnson and Dunne. Please vote NO.
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