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MAJORITY LEADER NELSON STATEMENT ON EARTH DAY, 2009

MADISON – Assembly Majority Leader Thomas Nelson released this statement on the 39th annual Earth Day.

“For nearly 40 years, people from all over the world have observed April 22nd as Earth Day. Wisconsin’s great U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson began this tradition to raise awareness of the conservation issues impacting our nation and the world, and much of the success of the environmental movement is the result of his leadership and advocacy.”

“Wisconsinites should take this opportunity to celebrate our proud conservationist legacy. Throughout our history, we have demonstrated a deeply held commitment to conservation, and we will continue to do so far into the future. This is a shared value, and one that we hold dear.”

“The Assembly has already moved this session to enact legislation that protects Wisconsin waterways by banning the use of phosphorous in fertilizer. In addition, we designated a portion of the Totogatic River as a wild river – the first wild river designation in over forty years. These are just the first of what will be many conservation bills to become law during this legislative session.”

“In these challenging economic times, we must recognize how integral the environment is to Wisconsin’s long-term economic recovery. From tourism, to agriculture to manufacturing – our environment is vital to the health of all of our key economic drivers. As we move the state down the road to economic recovery, we must never lose sight of the critical importance of conservation in Wisconsin”

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