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## 2017 Earth Day Poster Contest Sponsored By Senator Catharine Young Kicks Off

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ALBANY - Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I- 57th District) announced today the kick off of the 2017 New York State Senate Earth Day Poster Contest.

Students in grades K – 6 can celebrate and honor Earth Day, which occurs on Saturday, April 22, by creating posters that encourage awareness of environmental issues. This year's theme is "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

“Earth Day is an important reminder that we all must do our part to preserve our state’s natural wonders. Our lakes, rivers, forests and state parks are treasures, and our community is blessed with beautiful vistas that cannot be preserved for the future without a collective effort. I always say we live in the most beautiful part of New York State, and Earth Day is a wonderful way for us to give back,” said Senator Young.

“Each year the students who participate demonstrate tremendous creativity, as well as a keen understanding of the important environmental impact we all have on the globe. I look forward to seeing this year’s submissions, and I encourage all our local students take part to learn more about the world and our natural environment,” she said.

“The ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ slogan shouldn’t be for one day, but a lifestyle we all strive to fulfill every day,” said Senator Young.

The winning poster is displayed on Senator Young’s website and in the Well of the Legislative Office Building in Albany. All participants receive a certificate of appreciation. Submissions must be uploaded through the link on Senator Young’s website, [young.nysenate.gov](http://young.nysenate.gov), by March 24, 2017.

The Senate’s contest aims to educate students about the importance of recycling, and how to use creative solutions to address ecological problems that may arise in the future. Projects should be creative and convey the student’s commitment to improving the environment and the planet.

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 and since that time over 20 million Americans have participated, improving the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink. In addition, landmark legislation has been enacted in support of this mission, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act.