



America Recycles Day  
NOVEMBER 15



*A nationwide initiative of*

**Proclamation to Establish November 15, 2018 as  
America Recycles Day in (state/district/city)**

Each year, the United States generates more than 258 million tons of municipal solid waste<sup>1</sup> — that’s more than 4 pounds per person per day. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, our nation has reached an overall recycling rate of 34.6 percent<sup>1</sup>. Each year, our national recycling rate:

- Sends 89 million tons of material to a useful second life instead of the landfill
- Saves the same amount of energy consumed by over 10 million US households in a year<sup>1</sup>
- Avoids greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing more than 38 million cars<sup>1</sup> from our roads
- Generates 757,000 jobs and \$36.6 billion in wages<sup>2</sup>

But, much more can be done.

**WHEREAS**, to focus the nation’s attention on the importance of recycling, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day and are encouraging friends, neighbors, and coworkers to pledge to learn more about recycling options in their community and commit to recycle more materials every day of the year;

**WHEREAS**, participating in America Recycles Day 2018 is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the economic and environmental benefits of reducing waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled-content products;

**WHEREAS**, [state/district/city] leaders can also use this as an opportunity to spread the word about the excellent recycling programs that have been established, the growth of markets for recyclable materials, and the importance of buying and job creating recycled products:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by \_\_\_\_\_ that **Thursday,**

**November 15, 2018 is hereby proclaimed as America Recycles Day in**

\_\_\_\_\_state/city/district) resolved this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> - EPA’s Advancing Sustainable National Management 2014 Fact Sheet

<sup>2</sup> - Recycling Economic Information (REI) Report 2016 Report