

**SAMPLE CITY, STATE OR TOWN ARD PROCLAMATION**

Each year, Americans generate nearly 230 million tons of municipal solid waste. That’s more than 4.5 pounds per person per day. While the nation has reached an overall recycling rate of 33 percent, much more can be done, especially in closing the loop and purchasing products made with recycled content.

**WHEREAS**, to focus the nation’s attention on the importance of recycling and closing the loop, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day and are encouraging their employers, staff, customers, membership, and all citizens to pledge to buy more recycled-content products starting on November 15:

**WHEREAS**, participating in America Recycles Day is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled products;

**WHEREAS**, the theme of America Recycles Day is *“It All Comes Back To You;”*

**WHEREAS**, state community leaders need to spread the word about the excellent recycling programs they have established, the growth of markets for recyclable materials, the importance of buying recycled products;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
THAT November 15, 200\_\_, is hereby proclaimed as:

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY IN \_\_\_\_\_

(Commonwealth / State / City / Town) \_\_\_\_\_  
RESOLVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## SAMPLE CITY OR TOWN ARD PROCLAMATION

< City / Town / County >

< STATE >

By < Her / His > Honor

< Name of Mayor / County Council or Commissioner >

A Proclamation

**Whereas:** The decisions we make concerning recycling and resource consumption every day are critical in determining our quality of life and economic viability for generations to come and the < City / Town / County > of < insert name > has a rich history of being on the forefront of industrial change throughout < list some period of history, e.g. Industrial Revolution, etc > in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and the technology boom in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, a history which is the source of our vitality today and our promise for the future; and

**Whereas:** The < Name of State > can again look to the < City / Town / County > as a leader in an industrial change that is necessary for our economic and physical health. The State of < State Name > produces more trash than it can dispose of, requiring that every year we export in excess of < list tonnage > of trash to other states < or counties >. Annually the < City / Town / County > pays over < list waste disposal costs for previous year > to dispose of refuse that could have been recycled, a cost that we cannot afford in dollars or air quality; and

**Whereas:** Waste reduction and the efficient use of our natural and economic resources is critical to a sustainable way of life, and whereas recycling is fundamental to waste reduction, the America Recycles Day campaign has encouraged recycling activities throughout the United States since 1997.

Now, Therefore, I, < Insert Name of Mayor / Council or Commissioner and Title > of the < City / Town / County, State > do hereby proclaim the day of November 15, 200\_\_ as “ < City / Town / County > Recycles Day” in the < City / Town / County >, < State >.

Given this < Numeric date > day of < Month > 200\_\_.

SEAL < Signature >

< Title >

**SAMPLE COUNTY ARD PROCLAMATION**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF < county and state name >  
IN THE MATTER CONCERNING PROCLAIMING )  
NOVEMBER 15, 200\_\_, AS “AMERICA RECYCLES DAY” )**

**P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, each year, American generate more than 217 million tons of municipal solid waste – more than 4.5 pounds per person per day. While the nation has reached an overall recycling rate of more than 33 percent, and < name of county > has reached < insert percentage > percent, much more can be done, especially in closing the loop and purchasing products made with recycled content; and

**WHEREAS**, to focus the nation’s attention on the importance of recycling and closing the loop, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day and are encouraging their fellow employees and employers, staff, customers, membership and all citizens to pledge to do more; and

**WHEREAS**, participating in America Recycles Day is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled products; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of America Recycles Day is “It All Comes Back To You;” and

**WHEREAS**, state and community leaders need to spread the word about the excellent programs they have established, the growth of markets for recyclable materials, and the importance of buying recycled products.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, WE, the Board of County Commissioners, of < County Name > County, < insert state > do hereby proclaim November 15, 200\_\_ as “AMERICA RECYCLES DAY” in < insert County name > and urge all citizens to pledge to buy recycled-content products and to recycle more items in < insert County name > area recycling programs.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the < insert County name > to be affixed this < insert numeric date > day of November 200\_\_.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
OF < insert county name >, < insert state >  
**COUNTY SEAL**

\_\_\_\_\_  
< Signer name and title >

**ATTEST:**  
< insert name of clerk >  
< insert title of clerk >

## SAMPLE STATE ARD PROCLAMATION WITH JOB CREATION MESSAGE

### STATE OF *< inset name of state >* PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** To focus the state's attention on the importance of recycling and recycled products, businesses, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day 200\_\_, and are encouraging their employees, staff, customers, membership, and all residents to pledge to recycle more and to buy more recycled products; and

**WHEREAS,** Participating in America Recycles Day is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling, composting, and buying recycled products; and

**WHEREAS,** Recycling helps directly to support *< insert number of jobs created and sustained by recycling >* manufacturing jobs in the state of *< insert state name >* and indirectly to support or induce another *< insert total number of jobs related to recycling in the state >* jobs in the state of *< insert state name >*; and

**WHEREAS,** The estimated gross economic activity for *< insert state name >* value-added recycling manufacturing industry is *< insert \$ valve >*; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of *< insert state name >* has taken a leadership role in recycling and purchasing recycled products for state government; and

**WHEREAS,** The theme of America Recycles Day is "It All Comes Back To You;" and

**WHEREAS,** State and community leaders need to spread the word about the excellent recycling programs they have established, the growth of markets in *< insert state name >* for recyclable materials, and the importance of buying recycled products.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** *< insert Governor name, title and state >* by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 15, 200\_\_ as:

**" AMERCIA <or your state> RECYCLES DAY"**  
in the State of *< insert state name >*.

**STATE SEAL IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of *< insert state name >* to be affixed at the State Capitol this *< insert numeric date >* day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and \_\_\_\_\_.

*< insert Secretary signature >*

*< insert title >*

*< insert Governors name below signature >*

*< Insert title (Governor) >*

## SAMPLE CITY OR STATE ARD PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, (Your City / State) recognize the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources and work to make the world a better place by adopting conscientious living habits that will improve our daily lives and bring about a cleaner, safer and healthier environment; and

**Whereas**, the (Your City or State Motto - like: *The U.S.V.I. – American Paradise*) has undertaken many positive and successful waste reduction programs that have helped make (Your City / State) one of our Nation's recycling leaders, however, we can further reduce waste and recycle even more; and

**Whereas**, although there has been a significant increase in the amount of recycling in (Your City / State) today, we must continue to focus on other initiatives such as waste reduction, composting, the reuse of products and materials, and purchasing recycled products and packaging; and

**Whereas**, by encouraging businesses, State agencies, nonprofit organizations, schools and individuals to celebrate (Your City / State) America Recycles Day, we can further promote recycling as an environmentally efficient and, economically smart way of life; and

**Whereas**, State and local community leaders can help encourage recycling by informing citizens about the importance of buying recycled products; they can also help foster greater awareness of the need to expand collection programs for recyclable goods and materials by promoting the benefits of recycling investments for businesses; and

**Whereas**, it is important that all (Your City / State, e.g. “the U. S. Virgin Islands” ) become involved in recycling activities and learn more about the many recycled products and packaging available to them as consumers; it is also fitting for (Your City / State) to celebrate the American Recycles Day theme: *“It All Comes Back To You!”*; in acting upon this theme, we help ensure a safe and healthy environment and an improved quality of life for present and future generations;

Now, Therefore, I, (Your Governor, e.g. Charles W. Turnbull, or other authority), do hereby recognize November 15, 200\_\_ as

**(Your City / County / State) RECYCLES DAY**

**SAMPLE CITY OR STATE ARD PROCLAMATION WITH ARD EVENT**

**OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION  
(Your City / State) America Recycles Day  
November 15, 200\_\_**

**WHEREAS** (Your City / State) residents generate more than (Your Tonnage #) tons of trash, and this trash is buried in a landfill; and

**WHEREAS** (Your City / State) residents are on track to recycle more than (Recycling tonnage #) tons in 200\_\_ through (Your City / State) curbside (or drop-off) recycling program; and

**WHEREAS** (The name of your recycling program), a program of (Your City / State DPW, DNR, EPA, etc), is the largest municipal recycling program in the State of (Your City / State if applicable), serving (Your City / State) residents every- (time period, each week, weekly, daily); and

**WHEREAS** Recycling saves precious energy, conserves valuable natural resources, protects the environment, reduces landfill needs and has a positive economic impact; and

**WHEREAS** The City and County of (Your City and County, if applicable) and its residents can do more to reduce and recycle waste; and

**WHEREAS** Waste reduction and the purchase of recycled-content products are critically important elements of an environmentally responsible waste management program; and

**WHEREAS** America Recycles Day is a national promotion to help raise awareness about recycling and buying recycled products; and

**WHEREAS** The theme of America Recycles Day is, *"It All Comes Back To You"*; and

**WHEREAS** (Your organization, City / State) is hosting America Recycles Day 200\_\_ events to celebrate the worthwhile cause of recycling and is giving away fun prizes for residents who commit to do more to make recycling work; and

**WHEREAS** Recycling is good for the (Your City / State or "our") community.

Now, therefore, I, (responsible person e.g. Governor, Mayor, Council President, etc), proclaim November 15, 200\_\_

**America Recycles Day**

in the (City / State or Locality).

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State (or County, etc), this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 200\_\_.

Honorable Charles W. Turnbull, Governor (e.g.)