STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, recycling is the process of collecting, processing, and remanufacturing materials, so as to reduce waste, conserve natural resources and raw materials, save energy, and prevent pollution; and

WHEREAS, Americans are producing more waste than ever before, and recent changes to international and nationwide recycling procedures have created a need for increased awareness about proper recycling practices in our communities; and

WHEREAS, items like office paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, glass jars and bottles, and aluminum cans can often be recycled, depending on varying guidelines by municipality, and each item recycled makes a difference, as, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recycling just ten plastic bottles saves enough energy to power a laptop for more than 25 hours; and

WHEREAS, beyond its environmental benefits, recycling creates and sustains jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries, accounting for 757,000 jobs, $36.6 billion in wages, and $6.7 billion in yearly tax revenues, according to a 2016 report issued by the EPA; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recycle only clean, permitted materials, as mixing trash with recyclables can cause damage to recycling equipment and raises costs for recycling facilities; and

WHEREAS, the best way to determine what can and cannot be recycled is to contact local municipalities directly, to take note of local signage, or to visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website, where information about how to recycle, what to recycle, and where to recycle various materials in Wisconsin is listed; and

WHEREAS, our state’s own Milly Zantow, a lifelong resident of Baraboo, Wisconsin, established the plastic identification and sorting system, consisting of a number code inside a triangle, that is now used worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin joins organizations and individuals around our state and across the country in raising awareness about the importance of recycling, as well as about how to most effectively engage in responsible recycling in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2019, as

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

This day in the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 28th day of October 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State