

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

WHEREAS; our state has long been a leader in adopting conservation measures like recycling and, in fact, Wisconsin's own Milly Zantow, a lifelong resident of Baraboo, established the plastic identification and sorting system, consisting of a number code inside a triangle, that is now used worldwide; 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; each item recycled makes a difference and, in fact, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that 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 nationwide, 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 raise costs for recycling facilities, so while items like office paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, glass jars and bottles, and aluminum cans can often be recycled, it is necessary to keep in mind that guidelines may vary by municipality; 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; today, the state of Wisconsin joins organizations and individuals throughout our state and across our 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, 2020, as

## **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State