

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

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has long been a leader in adopting conservation measures like recycling and, in fact, was once home to renowned recycling advocate Milly Zantow, who not only helped write the state's first mandatory recycling law but also developed the plastic identification and sorting system that is now used worldwide; and

WHEREAS; Americans are producing more waste than ever before, and various updates to recycling procedures nationwide and internationally have created a need for increased awareness of proper recycling practices; and

WHEREAS; each item recycled makes a difference, with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reporting that by recycling just ten plastic bottles, enough energy is saved 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 681,000 jobs, \$37.8 billion in wages, and \$5.5 billion in yearly tax revenues nationwide, according to a 2020 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, take note of local signage, or 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 dedicated individuals and organizations throughout the state and across the country in raising awareness of the importance of recycling, as well as 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 2022 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State