

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE**

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring November 15, 2020 America Recycles Day in Loudoun County

ELECTION DISTRICT: Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: At the Pleasure of the Board

STAFF CONTACTS: Sarah Tuggle, Legislative Aide, Chair At-Large Phyllis Randall
Tianni Ivey, Legislative Aide, Vice Chair Koran Saines

PURPOSE: To recognize November 15th as America Recycles Day, and to encourage residents of Loudoun County to recycle and become better educated on recycling guidelines to minimize the amount of recyclable materials collected in landfills.

RECOMMENDATION: Chair At-Large Phyllis Randall and Vice Chair Koran Saines recommend the Proclamation be adopted at the November 5, 2020, Board of Supervisors Business Meeting.

BACKGROUND: America Recycles Day, November 15, is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle.

Recycling reduces the need to mine new ore, cut down more trees, and deplete our natural resources. Recycling also produces significant energy savings as compared to using virgin materials, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other forms of pollution; and recycling reduces the amount of material being sent to landfills (Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.).

Last year, curbside recycling in Loudoun collected over 32,000 tons of material, and saved 61,500 cubic yards of available disposal capacity at our local landfill. In order for recycling to achieve its greatest potential though, it is important to follow recycling guidelines in terms of what items are actually accepted for recycling.

This year, in support of America Recycles Day, Loudoun County is encouraging everyone to recycle and to focus on keeping unwanted waste out of recycling. The County is also providing tips to help clarify what goes in the bin at www.loudoun.gov/recycle.

DRAFT MOTION(S): I hereby move that the Board of Supervisors adopt a proclamation declaring November 15, 2020 America Recycles Day in Loudoun County.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Proclamation to Recognize November 15, 2020 as America Recycles Day

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS November 15, 2020 is *America Recycles Day*; and

WHEREAS *America Recycles Day* emphasizes the importance of citizen participation in recycling and increasing the demand for recycled products; and

WHEREAS Recycling reduces energy consumption and pollution, and supports manufacturers who depend on recycled materials to make new consumer goods; and

WHEREAS Loudoun County strives to increase the amount recycled each year; and

WHEREAS That the citizens, businesses and public institutions of Loudoun County reaffirm their commitment to recycling and the environmental and economic benefits recycling brings to the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim November 15, 2020 as

America Recycles Day

In Loudoun County.

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Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
November 5, 2020

