



America Recycles Day 2009
SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

Each year, Americans generate nearly 245 million tons of municipal solid waste per year. That's more than 4.5 pounds per person per day. While the nation has reached an overall recycling rate of nearly 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 products starting on November 15;

WHEREAS, participating in America Recycles 2009 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 and 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, 2009, is hereby proclaimed as:

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY in _____.

RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2009.

Signed _____