



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources and works towards a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment through effective programs, policies, and initiatives that promote recycling; and

Whereas, New York-America Recycles Day is a public awareness campaign that encourages business, government agencies, educational and public institutions, non-profit organizations, and individuals to recycle more and to buy more recycled products; and

Whereas, New York State has achieved significant increases in the amount of waste materials being recycled and diverted from disposal, and we must continue to focus on promoting other initiatives to increase waste reduction, organics diversion, product stewardship, the reuse of products and materials, the purchase of recycled products, and the reduction of packaging-related waste; and

Whereas, New York State has excellent recycling programs, markets for recyclable materials, and a growing number of modern, sophisticated recycling and organics management facilities and reuse industries that support the creation of jobs for an improved economy; and

Whereas, this year marks the 25th Anniversary of the requirement for all municipalities within New York State to adopt a local law or ordinance requiring the source separation and segregation of recyclable or reusable materials from solid waste; and

Whereas, waste reduction combined with the efficient use of our natural and economic resources is critical to a sustainable way of life, and recycling is not only fundamental to waste reduction, but is also a critical means to reducing greenhouse gas production associated with manufacturing new materials from non-recycled resources; and

Whereas, all businesses, government agencies, educational and public institutions, and residents of New York State can help protect the environment, preserve our natural resources, and ensure the health and safety of the planet for future generations by supporting the goals of New York-America Recycles Day and participating in recycling-related activities taking place across the State and nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of New York, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2017 as

NEW YORK-AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this eighteenth day of October in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor