

**COUNCIL ACTION**

**23 - 318**

DATE: November 15, 2023

TO: County Administrator

FROM: Clerk of Council

RE: America Recycles Day

- Request to Adopt

At a meeting of County Council held on November 14, 2023, Council adopted a resolution proclaiming November 15, 2023, as America Recycles Day in Charleston County.

COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William S. Totten", is written over the typed name of the County Administrator.

**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
*Proclaiming November 15, 2023, America Recycles Day*

**WHEREAS**, November 15th has been designated as America Recycles Day throughout the United States to educate our citizens about the importance and impact of recycling; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, recycling produces less waste, conserves resources, prevents pollution, saves energy and helps cut greenhouse gas emissions; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, Charleston County is committed to reducing emissions from waste to protect our environment and reduce the amount of organic and inorganic materials that reach the landfill; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 Charleston County's ordinance regulating single-use plastic went into effect to eliminate use of single-use plastic carryout and merchandise bags, as well as certain plastic carryout and food packaging items; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 through robust public education and local partnerships, Charleston's regional residential compost program expanded to 14 drop sites with six jurisdictions now participating and has recycled over 150 tons of food scraps, diverting over 15 garbage trucks from the landfill since inception; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 Charleston County recycled over 100,000 tons of materials from approximately 165,000 households and the County encourages commercial recycling through basic recycling service to businesses along the current service route; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, Charleston County works in concert with regional partners to collect and recycle materials such as scrap metal, corks, fishing line, batteries, and oyster shells; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, Charleston County is providing residents a designated bin for pumpkin composting throughout the month of November at the Bees Ferry Compost Facility, the 14 food scrap drop sites located around the county, and at the West Ashley Farmers Market on November 19, 2023; **and**,

**WHEREAS**, Charleston County, in collaboration with local partners, will continue to pursue strategies to increase recycling and composting, including continuing public education efforts and exploring opportunities for additional public recycling bins and composting drop centers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby proclaim November 15, 2023, as **America Recycles Day** in Charleston County and calls upon all residents of this great county to join in supporting the aims and goals of this worthwhile effort.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Herbert R. Sass, III, Chairman  
November 14, 2023