



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### NLGA Consensus Resolution Recognizing America Recycles Day

**WHEREAS**, America Recycles Day is nationally recognized annually on or around November 15, and supported by Keep America Beautiful, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and more,

**WHEREAS**, recycling reduces waste sent to landfills and incinerators; conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals; increases economic security by tapping a domestic source of materials as a critical first link in the manufacturing supply chain; supports American manufacturing generally; saves energy and creates new jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries says the recycling industry is responsible for more than 531,500 jobs and an overall economic impact of nearly \$110 billion,<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling rate has increased from less than 7% in 1960 to the current rate of 32%,<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, America Recycles Day, the only nationally recognized day, is an important way to bring awareness to consumers about the value of recycling and the ways to recycle, and

**WHEREAS**, such awareness can increase recycling rates among individuals, homes, schools, at work, businesses, and in communities, to the benefit of states and territories.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) joins in recognizing America Recycles Day, and encourages Members to be aware of, promote, and/or engage with America Recycles Day.

ADOPTED, this day, the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024.

Co-Sponsors: Guam Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio (D), Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (R), South Carolina Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (R)

*Proposed for the docket by:* Guam Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio

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<sup>1</sup> Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, <https://www.isri.org/news-publications/news-details/2019/09/30/the-economic-jobs-impact-of-plastic-recycling>

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, <https://www.epa.gov/circulareconomy/america-recycles-day#:~:text=The%20recycling%20rate%20has%20increased,to%2050%20percent%20by%202030.>