

**Proclamation to Establish November 15, 2016 as
America Recycles Day in Ashe County**

Each year, the United States generates more than 250 million tons of municipal solid waste—that's more than 4 pounds per person per day. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, our nation has reached an overall recycling rate of approximately 34.5 percent. Each year, our national recycling rate:

- Sends 87 million tons of material to a useful second life instead of the landfill
- Saves the same amount of energy consumed by over 10 million US households in a year
- Avoids greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing more than 33 million cars

But, much more can be done.

WHEREAS, to focus the nation's attention on the importance of recycling, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day and are encouraging their friends, neighbors, and coworkers to pledge to learn more about recycling options in their community and commit to recycle more materials;

WHEREAS, participating in America Recycles Day 2016 is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled-content products;

WHEREAS, Ashe County leaders can also use this as an opportunity to spread the word about the excellent recycling programs that have been established, the growth of markets for recyclable materials, and the importance of buying recycled products:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Ashe County Board of Commissioners that Sunday, November 15, 2016 is hereby proclaimed as America Recycles Day in Ashe County.

Duly adopted this 24th day of October, 2016.

**Jeff Rose, Chairman
Ashe County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST:

**Ann J. Clark, MMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board**