

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming November)
15, 2021 as "America Recycles Day") R# 21- 017
and the week of November 14-20, 2021,)
as "Recycling Awareness Week" in) SWSD #21 - 001
Tillamook County, Oregon)

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners, sitting as the governing body of the Solid Waste Service District on November 10, 2021 at the request of David McCall, Tillamook County Solid Waste Program Manager. The Board, being fully apprised of the records and files herein, finds as follows:

1. The United States generated more than 292 million tons of municipal solid waste in 2018, and recycled and composted nearly 94 million tons. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, our national recycling rate dropped to 32% in 2018. Each year the nation's recycling accounts for:
 - Avoiding greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing more than 36 million cars from the road.
 - 681,000 jobs (0.47% of the U.S. economy), generating \$37.8 billion in wages (0.58% of the U.S. economy), and \$5.5 billion in tax revenues (0.78% of the U.S. economy)
 - On a national average, there are 1.17 jobs for every 1,000 tons of recyclables collected and recycled.
2. In 2020 EPA announced the overall national recycling goal of increasing the U.S. recycling rate to 50% by 2030. This alone could result in an additional 58,500 jobs nationwide.
3. During 2019, the most recent year for which data is available, Oregonians recovered 42% of the 5.7 million tons of municipal solid waste generated, which equates to:
 - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 3.3 million metric tons of carbon dioxide or equivalents, however
 - Another 2.6 million tons of reductions would be possible if recovery rates could be raised to the maximum possible level.

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4. The average per-capita municipal solid waste generated in Oregon equates to 2,703 pounds per person, while in Tillamook County it was 2,991 pounds. Locally, this represents an increase of 24% since 2014 and 23% since 2009. During these same periods, per-capita waste recovery in Tillamook County has increased by 9%, to 775 pounds, which is still much lower than the Oregon average of 1,135 pounds per person. Despite the per-capita increase in recycling, due to the increase in waste generation, the Tillamook County recovery rate has dropped from 33.6% in 2014 to 25.9% in 2019.
5. To focus Oregonians' attention on the importance of recycling, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate "*America Recycles Day*" and "*Recycling Awareness Week*" 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.
6. Participating in "*America Recycles Day*" and "*Recycling Awareness Week*" 2021 is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to recycle waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled-content products.
7. Tillamook 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, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that

8. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims Monday, November 15, 2021 as "*America Recycles Day*" and the Week of November 14 – 20, 2021 as "*Recycling Awareness Week*" in Tillamook County.
9. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners encourages all citizens to join in the observance of "*America Recycles Day*" and "*Recycling Awareness Week*" by educating themselves about recycling options in Tillamook County, committing to recycle more materials and purchasing recycled products.

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DATED this 10th day of November, 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

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Mary Faith Bell, Chair

Aye	Nay	Abstain/Absent
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David Yamamoto, Vice-Chair

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Erin D. Skaar, Commissioner

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ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil,
County Clerk

By: [Signature]
Special Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Joel W. Stevens
County Counsel

