**Sample City, Town or County “Recycle Right NC” Proclamation**

**< City / Town / County >**

**< STATE >**

**By < Her / His > Honor**

**< Name of Mayor / County Council or Commissioner >**

**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, single-stream recycling programs that emphasize the collection of cans, bottles, cardboard and paper recover the highest tonnages most efficiently; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina communities have established excellent recycling programs, and with the presence of strong established markets in the state, are able to redirect recycled materials back into the economy and create new products; and

**WHEREAS**, recycling stimulates local economies, creates jobs, saves energy and water, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, preserves natural resources and conserves landfill space; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina recycling industry supports more than 16,000 jobs and relies on the success of community recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, <factoid about county program and/or recycling rates>

**WHEREAS**, the increasing amounts of non-recyclable items, or contaminants, being placed in recycling bins compromises the quality of truly recyclable materials and creates safety hazards for employees at the materials recovery facility where recyclables are sorted; and

**WHEREAS**, recycling costs can be lowered by reducing the amount of contaminants in the mix; and

**WHEREAS**, educating residents about which items go into the recycling container is the most effective way to recover the most recyclable material and avoid contamination; and

**WHEREAS**, to focus the state’s attention on the importance of reducing contamination in recycling, the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality has created the “Recycle Right NC” campaign to educate the public on which items should and should not be placed in the recycling cart; and

**WHEREAS**, participating in the “Recycle Right NC” campaign is an effective way to raise awareness about the need to recycle only the items accepted by local recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, <Insert City / Town / County Name> pledges to participate in the “Recycle Right NC” statewide campaign as an opportunity to contribute to a larger movement to improve recycling and lead the nation in recycling education through harmonized messaging;

Now, Therefore, I, < Insert Name of Mayor / Council or Commissioner and Title > of < City / Town / County, State > do hereby pledge a proclamation of support and participation in the “Recycle Right NC” campaign on this XX day of XX month, 2019.