

# Sample Proclamation



WHEREAS: The state celebrates the Week of June 17-23, 2023 as National Waste & Recycling Workers Week; and

WHEREAS: National Garbage Man Day began in 2012 to show community appreciation for the local people of the garbage, sanitation, and recycling industry and later changed the official name to Waste & Recycling Workers Week; and

WHEREAS: the earliest garbage regulation efforts began in 3000 B.C. when the first landfill was developed in Crete, where large holes were dug for refuse; and

WHEREAS: since that time sanitation (solid waste) workers have worked selflessly and tirelessly in all types of environments (weather, pandemics, civil unrest, war) and at risk to themselves, to provide sanitation (solid waste) services to protect communities and residents, prevent disease, and keep our community clean, safe, and beautiful; and

WHEREAS: The people employed by (MUNICIPALITY/COMPANY/ORGANIZATION) make significant contributions to the safety, health, and welfare of our residents by processing millions of tons of garbage, recycling and composting annually; and

WHEREAS: With an area spanning (LOCAL GOVERNMENT/MUNICIPALITY SQUARE MILES) and many miles of roads, the residents of (LOCAL GOVERNMENT/MUNICIPALITY) depend on the collection and proper disposal of waste, recyclables, compostables and leaf and limb to promote a clean and tidy community regardless of weather and global pandemics; and

WHEREAS: The proper collection, disposal and maintenance of waste, recyclables, and compostables are vital to preventing disease and unsightly litter; and

WHEREAS: The sanitation (solid waste) industry employs thousands of people around the United States, and they ARE Professionals with proper certifications, licenses, degrees and skills that provide necessary services to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS: (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) values and celebrates our local (SANITATION OR SOLID WASTE) industry workers for their commitment to our residents, businesses and communities as *Professional Employees*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (ELECTED OFFICIAL/MAYOR), by virtue of the authority vested in me as (TITLE OF ELECTED OFFICIAL/MAYOR) of the (LOCAL GOVERNMENT), Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2023 as Waste & Recycling Workers Week in (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) and encourage all residents to join me in thanking the hardworking men and women who ensure our communities are kept safe, clean and healthy.