CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 10-0232R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Henry, Stokes, Cole, Branch, President Young, Councilmembers Middleton, Reisinger, Conaway, Clarke, Spector, Welch, D'Adamo, Curran, Holton

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

America Recycles Day – November 15, 2010
For the purpose of celebrating America Recycles Day on November 15 and encouraging all of Baltimore to focus its attention on the importance of both recycling and making use of recycled products.
WHEREAS, Each year, Americans generate nearly 230 million tons of municipal solid waste; and
WHEREAS, Baltimore generates nearly 156,000 tons of municipal solid waste each year. While the amount of solid waste generated by Baltimoreans has decreased by 12 percent over the last year due to stepped up recycling efforts, much more can still be done by the City; and
WHEREAS, To focus Baltimore's attention on the importance of recycling and closing the loop, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day and are encouraging their employers, staff, customers, membership, and all citizens to pledge to buy more recycled products starting on November 15; and
WHEREAS, Participating in America Recycles Day is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled products; and
WHEREAS, The theme of America Recycles Day is "I Recycle"; and
WHEREAS, State and community leaders need to spread the word about the excellent recycling programs they have established, the growth of markets for recyclable materials, and the importance of buying recycled products.
Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that November 15, 2010, is hereby proclaimed as America Recycles Day in Baltimore City.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, the Public Works Director, and the Mayor's

Legislative Liaison to the City Council.