

Town of Sykesville

The Mayor and Town Council Resolution No. _____

*Introduced by: Bradford RR Dyjak, Town Intern at the Mayor & Town Council Meeting
- November 10, 2008*

A Resolution Recognizing “America Recycles Day” and Promoting the Pursuit of Town Recycling Goals

WHEREAS, The Town of Sykesville is committed to implementing a proactive policy to address the challenges and costs associated with collecting residential municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, The Town’s current campaign to reduce solid waste output and increase recycling has attracted an immense amount of enthusiasm and positive public attention; and

WHEREAS, The Town desires a continuance in reforming and improving its solid waste and recycling policies and operation; and

WHEREAS, The Town’s current annual residential output of municipal solid waste stands at 1,360 tons, with 379 tons of recyclables for 22 percent rate of diversion and a participation rate of 70percent; and

WHEREAS, “America Recycles Day” was created in 1998 to advocate the benefits of waste prevention, reduction, and diversion from the waste stream and promote the purchasing of post-consumer recyclable goods; and

WHEREAS, “America Recycles Day” has enhanced public awareness of recycling and waste diversion issues; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans in every state have participated in various events and programs associated with “America Recycles Day” thus conserving resources and preventing waste from being generated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE THAT:

Saturday, November 15, 2008 shall be officially proclaimed as "America Recycles Day" in the Town of Sykesville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Town shall promote such designation to all residents within its limits and encourage residents to reexamine their waste habits and implement appropriate personal goals and changes to increase their waste diversion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Town shall strive to reduce its municipal refuse output by at least 10 percent from Fiscal Year 2008 and increase the amount of recyclable tonnage to equal at least 28 percent of total waste generated and will increase residential recycling participation to at least 90% of households; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Mayor and Town Council shall strive to implement appropriate action and direct Town staff members to create reasonable incentives, educational outreach, public campaigns or other effective programs for residents in order to achieve the aforementioned goals by one year from the adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: Monday, November 10, 2008 .

APPROVED by 5 votes in the affirmative to 0 votes in the negative