



**National Waste & Recycling Workers Week  
June 16 - 22, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the State celebrates the week of June 16 to June 22, 2024, as National Waste & Recycling Workers Week, dedicated to celebrating the efforts and contributions of waste and recycling workers across the nation; 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 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 services to protect communities and residents, prevent disease, and keep our community clean, safe, and beautiful; and

**WHEREAS**, These essential workers employed by **HABERSHAM COUNTY** perform a crucial public service, ensuring that waste is managed efficiently and sustainably, contributing to public health, environmental protection, and the overall cleanliness of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of waste and recycling workers often goes unnoticed, yet their dedication and commitment are vital to the well-being of our society, helping to reduce pollution, conserve resources, and promote recycling and waste reduction initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week, **HABERSHAM COUNTY** honors, values, and celebrates the hard work, perseverance, and professionalism of these workers who face various challenges and hazards in their daily tasks, often working in all weather conditions to keep our neighborhoods and workplaces clean and safe; and

**WHEREAS**, National Waste & Recycling Workers Week provides an opportunity for citizens, businesses, and local governments to express their gratitude and appreciation for the indispensable services provided by these workers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the **HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** does hereby proclaim the week of June 16 to June 22, 2024, as National Waste & Recycling Workers Week in **HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA** and we encourage all citizens to acknowledge and appreciate the vital contributions of waste and recycling workers in our communities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of **HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA** to be affixed this 16th day of June 2024.

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Ty Akins, Chairman

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Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk