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Legislation Text

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To declare June 17, 2015 to be Refuse Collection Employees Appreciation Day in the City of Columbus.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus Division of Refuse Collection has 229 employees who work diligently to provide weekly trash service to 336,486 households, collecting trash 52 weeks a year, regardless of the weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, last year, the Division of Refuse Collection disposed of 295,731 tons of trash at the Franklin County Landfill, replaced 8,447 refuse containers and repaired 7,713 more containers, and collected bulk trash on a total of 86,124 scheduled bulk collections; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Refuse Collection has fleet of 182 collection vehicles, including 81 automated side loading trucks, 25 rear loading trucks, 30 front box trucks, 14 manual side loading trucks and 13 knuckle boom trucks; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Refuse Collection also manages the City's contract with Rumpke to provide residential recycling. From the program's inception in June 2012 through May 31, 2015, the recycling program has recycled 89,153 tons of recyclables, saving \$4.9 million in tipping fees; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 alone, 33,969 tons of recyclables and 31,245 tons of yard waste were collected in Columbus and diverted from the Franklin County Landfill; and

WHEREAS, as of June 1, 2015, approximately 201,093 blue 64-gallon recycling carts have been distributed to Columbus households for participation in the City's residential recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Division of Refuse Collection collaborates with The Ohio State University to provide 16 free bulk trash drop-off locations in the campus area during the annual student move-out/move-in period. Last year, this service collected more than 2,000 tons of bulk items and regular trash; and

WHEREAS, through these tireless and innovative efforts, the dedicated employees of the Division of Refuse Collection play an essential role in keeping the environment we live in clean and healthy. For their integral part in maintaining the public health, safety and welfare, refuse collection employees are indeed deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, whether it is picking up litter or actively recycling, residents must also have role in keeping our neighborhoods clean and our environment safe. On this day of special recognition and year-round, everyone should remember to follow City Code. Bag your trash before you put it in the container, don't put construction materials, furniture or yard waste in the trash container, and if you see litter on the ground, do your part and pick it up; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize the employees of the Division of Refuse Collection, and declare June 17, 2015 to be Refuse Collection Employees Appreciation Day in the City of Columbus.