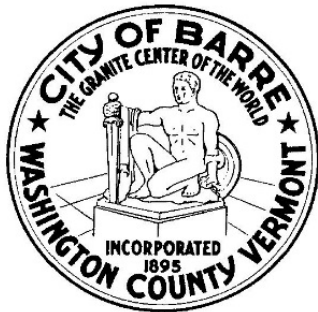


CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION SIGNIFYING THE 51st ANNIVERSARY OF GREEN UP DAY CHALLENGE

- WHEREAS, Governor Dean Davis, a native Barre resident, appointed Robert Babcock and Ted Riehle to initiate a program to cleanup roadside in the State of Vermont; and
- WHEREAS, the first Green Up Day was inaugurated on April 18th, 1970 by closing Interstate Highways from 9am to 12pm for litter pick up and calling on citizens to help “by volunteering two hours of their time to rid the highways of litter and to green up their neighborhoods”; and
- WHEREAS, after almost a decade under the organization of the Governor’s office, in 1979 a group of concerned citizens came together to form the nonprofit organization Vermont Green Up Inc., and became responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day on the first Saturday in May; and
- WHEREAS, the first Barre Green Up Week in 1993 was proposed by the student group Spaulding Action for the Environment (S.A.F.E.), and established by the Barre City Council; and
- WHEREAS, Barre Green Up Week has successfully increased the participation of citizens of Barre in Green Up activities and the City Council supports activities including cleanups, education for litter prevention, beautification, recycling and community improvement; and
- WHEREAS, The Green Up Day Challenge provides friendly competition for City Council to remove 51 bags of litter, the Mayor to remove 51 bags of litter, increased participation in each City Ward, by encouraging participation from surrounding municipalities, and increasing our awareness about the environment and our surroundings in recognition of the 51st Anniversary of the event; and,
- WHEREAS, These efforts, along with the continued efforts by City staff to sweep streets, business owners to maintain a clean storefronts, and neighborhoods watching out for their fellow residents with contribute to the overall economic growth and health of our community;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim the days leading up to May 1st, 2021, as the Green Up Day Challenge and encourage Barre City and other Vermont residents to participate in beautifying the landscape; recognize the positive health benefits of removing trash and sharps from properties within the community, and; to thank the volunteers who participate in Green Up Day annually.



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