## CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

## A PROCLAMATION HONORING GREEN UP DAY

- WHEREAS, the first Green Up Day was inaugurated in 1970 during the administration of Governor Dean Davis, a native son of Barre, 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, in 1979, the non-profit organization Green Up Vermont was formed to carry on the tradition of Green Up Day on the first Saturday in May; and
- WHEREAS, Green Up Day is a forty-eight year tradition of direct citizen involvement in caring for the Vermont landscape by removing litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces; and
- WHEREAS, Green Up Day has increased our awareness about the world and environment around us; 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, the City Council supports activities including cleanups, education for litter prevention, beautification, recycling and community improvement; and
- WHEREAS, Barre Green Up Week has successfully increased the participation of citizens of Barre in Green Up activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim the week of April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 6th, 2018, as Green Up Week and encourage residents to participate in beautifying the Barre City landscape; recognize the positive health benefits of removing trash and sharps from properties within the community, and; to thank the volunteers who participate in this annual event.



Lucas J. Herring, Mayor