

helps to prevent the pollution such removal efforts create. It also saves energy and provides a less expensive alternative to landfills and incineration. Finally, communities can use the materials recovered through recycling to generate revenue.

Some cities and States, recognizing the important role recycling can play in waste management, have enacted mandatory recycling laws. Numerous towns and counties across America now boast effective voluntary recycling programs. A well-developed system of recycling facilities has emerged in the United States for scrap metals, paper, and glass. Nonetheless, Americans still do not recycle enough municipal waste. Nearly 80 percent of the municipal solid waste in this country is deposited in landfills, while 10 percent is incinerated. Only 10 percent of our Nation's waste is recycled.

Every American household and community can plan a major role in solving the problems associated with solid waste disposal by recycling—either through municipal programs or voluntary drives sponsored by local service organizations. The Environmental Protection Agency has set a national goal of 25 percent waste recycling by 1992. While the ability to meet this goal may vary from town to town, such efforts are useful steps toward eliminating America's solid waste problems.

In recognition of the importance of recycling, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 102, has designated April 1989 as "National Recycling Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April 1989 as National Recycling Month. I urge the people of the United States to observe this month by actively participating in community recycling efforts and teaching their children about the benefits of such efforts. I also encourage community leaders to consider the advantages of a comprehensive recycling program as a means of managing municipal solid waste.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 5958 of April 20, 1989

**National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, 1989
and 1990**

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Few advances in medicine inspire more awe than successful organ and tissue transplants. In recent years, we have witnessed the restoration of sight to the blind through new corneas; we have watched cancer patients regain their health through bone marrow transplants; and we have seen gravely ill men and women get another chance at life with a

new heart, lung, or kidney. These wonderful success stories would not have been possible without the generosity of those Americans who were willing to donate their organs and tissues to others.

Much has been done in recent years to encourage public support of organ and tissue donation. Through the American Council on Transplantation, regional donor programs, community leadership, and media support, millions of Americans have learned about donation and have signed donor cards. Unfortunately, despite these efforts and the success of transplant programs around the world, many seriously ill persons still await organ transplants. That is why I encourage each and every American to give careful thought to becoming an organ and tissue donor.

I encourage every American to learn the facts about organ and tissue transplants and to discuss any moral or ethical concerns about donation with your family and doctor. Organ and tissue transplants give us cause to reflect upon the precious gift of human life, as well as our responsibility to treat it with care and reverence. Just as we give thanks for the life and health with which God has blessed us, so, too, must we solemnly consider the profound act of sharing life with others through organ and tissue donation.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 112, has designated the weeks of April 23 through 29, 1989, and April 23 through 29, 1990, as "National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the weeks of April 23 through 29, 1989, and April 23 through 29, 1990, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week. I ask health care professionals, public and private service organizations, and all Americans to join in supporting this humanitarian cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 5959 of April 21, 1989

Law Day, U.S.A., 1989

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

For more than 30 years, our Nation has paused each May 1 to observe Law Day, U.S.A. On this day, we celebrate America's legacy of liberty and self-government, guaranteed under law and preserved with the aid of our legal system.

The American legal system plays a vital role in maintaining the balance between individual freedom and civil order. Our Nation's leaders,