PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year the United States generates more than 254 million tons of municipal solid waste, which is more than 4.5 pounds per person per day; and

WHEREAS, although the nation has achieved an overall recycling rate of 34%, much more can be done, especially in waste reduction, composting, the reuse of products and materials, and the purchasing of recycled products and packaging; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt has achieved a recycling rate of 60% through its many dynamic and successful recycling programs, such as residential curbside collection, two recycling centers, electronics recycling, tree lumber recycling, and yard waste composting; and

WHEREAS, to focus the nation's attention on the importance of building consumer demand for recycled products and to educate all Americans about the environmental and economic benefits of recycling, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals are joining together to celebrate America Recycles Day 2012 and to encourage all citizens to renew their pledge to reuse and recycle more and to buy more recycled products; and

WHEREAS, America Recycles Day is celebrated nationally on Thursday, November 15, Greenbelt celebrates with many events held during the entire month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judith F. Davis, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, hereby proclaim November 2012 to be

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in Greenbelt and encourage all our residents to increase their recycling efforts and their purchasing of recycled products, as these are effective ways to make a difference in our environment, preserve our natural resources, reduce our landfill needs, and improve the quality of life for present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 22nd day of October 2012.

JUDITH F. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

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