

Proclamation

“EARTH DAY SQUARED - PUT A LID ON IT”

Whereas, citizens and visitors of West Virginia enjoy the beauty of our state and its mountains, streams and cities; and

Whereas, reduction through recycling and buying recycled products saves precious energy, conserves valuable natural resources, protects the environment, creates jobs, prevents littering by eliminating material from the litter stream and prolongs the useful life of many materials; and

Whereas, recycling and buying recycled products is becoming increasingly important in our efforts to ease the growing problem of solid waste management; and

Whereas, to focus attention on the importance of recycling and closing the loop, businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals are invited to join together to celebrate Earth Day, and are encouraged to involve their employees, staff, customers, members, and all citizens to participate in this worthwhile creative recycling project and to pledge to buy more recycled-content products; and

Whereas, participating in community art projects with a recycling theme is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled products; and

Whereas, the theme of the community art project is the “EARTH DAY SQUARED – PUT A LID ON IT”; and

Whereas, state and community leaders need to spread the word about the excellent recycling programs that have been established, the growth of markets for recyclable materials, and the importance of buying recycled products.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority, does hereby support artist **David Heatwole** and **Transcendental Arts Council** in their efforts to develop the “EARTH DAY SQUARED – PUT A LID ON IT” project that is to be made strictly out of recycled plastic bottle lids and encourage all citizens to join the nationwide effort to make more efficient use of natural resources by maximizing recycling, buying recycled products and preventing waste.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, **Clint R. Hogbin**, Chairman of the Berkeley County, West Virginia Solid Waste Authority have hereunto affixed my hand and caused the Seal of the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority to be affixed this 13th day of April 2008.

Clint R. Hogbin
Clint R. Hogbin, Chairman

