



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

HONORING

Recycling Connections

40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, a nonprofit leader and role model for the future of sustainable living, Recycling Connections has conscientiously served central Wisconsin and beyond since its establishment in 1981, and is celebrating its 40th anniversary on January 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, through its contracts and partnerships with numerous community institutions and statewide organizations over the past 40 years, Recycling Connections has provided leadership, education, and inspiration to generations of Wisconsinites committed to conscious, responsible waste management and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit's many accomplishments include recycling over 7.7 tons of material in its first decade alone, distributing over 15,000 backyard composting bins throughout the midwest, and removing over 1,000 pounds of mercury from Marathon, Portage, and Wood Counties through the Central Wisconsin Mercury Reduction Program; and

WHEREAS, through a contract with the Portage County Solid Waste Board, Recycling Connections has also been involved in a variety of ambitious community projects, providing education, outreach, and coordination services for the county's recycling program and its Clean Sweep programs, establishing a county-wide sharps disposal program, and coordinating annual fluorescent lamp and computer recycling events; and

WHEREAS, Recycling Connections serves as a valuable resource for school districts throughout Wisconsin, working to promote waste reduction, recycling, and composting, including through the Green and Healthy School program, and has partnered with the UW-Stevens Point Waste Management degree program since 2012 to offer student internships, invited speaker presentations, and mentorship of student projects; and

WHEREAS, Recycling Connections has received national recognition for their program implementing the shredding and baling of newsprint to sell as animal bedding, and was also recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with a 2020 Wisconsin Recycling Excellence Award for its work in partnership with the Central Wisconsin Recycling Collective to reduce contamination in recycling and increase the quality of recyclables locally;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby congratulate Recycling Connections upon its 40th anniversary, and thank everyone involved for their dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin and decades-long leadership in sustainability across our state.

DONE ON THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY 2021

Handwritten signature of Tony Evers in black ink.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

