

TOWN OF FAIRFAX PROCLAMATION

Declaring October 2017 Zero Waste Month

WHEREAS, the health of our environment, economy, and society is essential for our current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, wasting depletes the health of our communities by excessive consumption of resources, water and energy, removing those resources from future potential; and

WHEREAS, wasting creates direct and indirect negative effects to our communities by emissions to air, water and land; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste is a goal that is ethical, economical, efficient and visionary, to guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to systematically avoid and eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them; and

WHEREAS, implementing Zero Waste will eliminate all discharges to land, water or air that are a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health; and

WHEREAS actions taken towards Zero Waste will have the added benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saving money, and advancing community goals for health, safety, economic vitality, energy independence, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS the Town supports this collaborative effort bringing awareness to the need for local solutions to the pivotal issues facing our planet and community members to work towards positive change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the Fairfax Town Council that
October 2017 is *Zero Waste Month*, in the Town of Fairfax
Bringing the community together in action for a healthy, clean, and sustainable Town.

John Reed, Mayor of Fairfax

AGENDA ITEM # 15