



PROCLAMATION **Refill NOT Landfill Month**

WHEREAS, the use of single-use containers like coffee cups and water bottles are on the rise (Upper Valley residents dispose of an estimated 300 tons of disposable coffee cups and plastic water bottles annually) and this waste uses natural resources and consumes landfill disposal capacity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon owns and operates the Lebanon landfill that has a permitted disposal capacity of another 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the City is concerned about conserving natural resources and with preserving the landfill disposal capacity for future Lebanon residents; and

WHEREAS, Using refillable containers like travel mugs and water bottles have the potential of reducing waste that will require disposal in the Lebanon Landfill; and

WHEREAS, although bottle recycling is available at the Lebanon Recycling Center only about 30% of plastic bottles are recycled and no viable recycling option exists for disposable coffee cups; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage waste reduction the month of April 2018 will be designated as "Refill NOT Landfill Month".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lebanon hereby proclaims the month of April 2018 as Refill NOT Landfill Month, and encourages residents to join in observing this month to reduce waste that is ultimately disposed of in the Lebanon landfill by using refillable travel mugs and water bottles.

Proclaimed this Eleventh Day of April in the Year Two Thousand Eighteen.

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