

# MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION

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## FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, up to 35% of all food produced is wasted, even though much of it is safe and nutritious and could help feed those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone benefits from better utilizing food resources, creating stronger and more sustainable communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a family of four can save between \$1,866-\$3,000 per year by reducing wasted food; and

**WHEREAS**, K-12 schools and universities play a crucial role in educating the next generation on the importance of reducing, recovering, and recycling food; and

**WHEREAS**, we have an opportunity to conserve shared resources – such as land, water, and energy – that are used to produce and transport food that ultimately goes uneaten; and

**WHEREAS**, food in landfills decomposes slowly, releasing methane gas, a potent contributor to climate change.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monongalia County Commission do hereby proclaim April 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as

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in Monongalia County and we encourage all residents to commit to reducing food waste in their homes, workplaces, and communities

Dated: April 2, 2025

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