

Solid Waste Worker Appreciation Day

Whereas, the men and women employed by the DeKalb County Department of Solid Waste Management, formerly the DeKalb County Sanitation Division, are responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents by maintaining the cleanliness of county streets, neighborhoods, thoroughfares, and businesses in accordance with established County ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations; and

Whereas, Solid Waste Worker Appreciation Day is part of a committed effort to recognize the men and women who help preserve the quality of life of DeKalb County residents by maintaining clean, sustainable communities; and

Whereas, more than 700 employees of the Department of Solid Waste Management work tirelessly, often in challenging conditions such as freezing temperatures, torrential downpours, and blazing heat, to provide residents with a sanitary community free of waste, debris, and overgrown foliage; and

Whereas, Solid Waste Worker Appreciation Day is an opportunity to celebrate the men and women who hold the honorable title of “Solid Waste Worker.” We commend them for maintaining and enhancing the County’s aesthetics and for creating a cleaner, greener community for DeKalb residents to enjoy; and

Whereas, as we move toward a new era of beautification, solid waste, and recycling management, our hard-working men and women are more dedicated and committed than ever to serving our residents and businesses with integrity, resilience, efficiency, and accountability; and

Whereas, DeKalb County shares in the excitement of Solid Waste Worker Appreciation Day and encourages residents to recognize the staff of the Department of Solid Waste Management by extending gratitude and appreciation to the hard-working men and women who make DeKalb County a cleaner place to live, work, and play.

Now, therefore, we, Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, together with the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and its nearly 780,000 residents, do hereby proclaim July 7, 2026, as “Solid Waste Worker Appreciation Day” in DeKalb County.

Proclaimed this 7th Day of July 2026