

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Polluted water discharged to rivers and lakes can result in fish kills, the destruction of spawning and wildlife habitats, a loss in aesthetic value, and contamination of drinking water supplies and recreational waterways that can threaten public health; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act of 1972 prohibits the discharge of any pollutant to navigable waters of the United States unless authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, a major source of pollutants in the navigable waters of the United States is polluted urban and suburban storm water runoff; and

WHEREAS, storm water runoff from towns and cities in Tangipahoa Parish is primarily discharged to the Tangipahoa and Tickfaw Rivers and Lakes Maurepas and Ponchartrain; and

WHEREAS, major pollutants present in the storm water include used oil and antifreeze, spent batteries, and leftover paint; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that these pollutants be prevented from entering the storm water runoff in Tangipahoa Parish through the initiation of a recycling program; and

WHEREAS, recycling saves millions of dollars in disposal costs, creates jobs, and is recognized as an easy way for everyone to help protect the environment by avoiding unnecessary use of important resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond has graciously consented to establishing an annual date for accepting from the citizens of Tangipahoa Parish at Zemurray Park used oil and antifreeze, spent batteries, leftover latex (water-soluble) paint, burned-out florescent light bulbs, and worn-out tires to be recycled or otherwise disposed of under Environmental Protection Agency guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Panepinto, Mayor of the City of Hammond, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 2, 2015, from the hours of 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, as **Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Day 2015** and urge all of our citizens to seize this opportunity to protect our environment.

PETE PANEPINTO
MAYOR

DATE