



## Legislation Text

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### **PROCLAIM APRIL 2015 AS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH**

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Accepted By: Ms. Deborah Coy, City of Glendale Recycling Coordinator

Accepted By: Ms. Rachel Burnett, ASU Student and City of Glendale Environmental Resources Intern

### **Purpose and Recommended Action**

This is a request for the City Council to recognize various activities planned throughout the months of March and April 2015 to celebrate the City's efforts to promote environmental awareness. This proclamation will be accepted by Bill and Candy Shepard, Sahuaro Ranch Park volunteers; Deborah Coy, City of Glendale Recycling Coordinator; Rachel Burnett, ASU student and City of Glendale Environmental Resources intern.

### **Background**

Glendale strives to provide meaningful services and programs to encourage its residents and visitors to be aware and sensitive to the environment. Examples include the city's curb-side recycling program; environmental services that provide outreach on low-water use and energy conservation techniques; maintaining water quality and monitoring air quality; encouraging the use of alternative modes of transportation; active and vibrant bicycle path and trails; and enhancements to city parks such as solar lighting and low-water use landscaping.

In celebration of these services, a series of public events have been planned to occur in Glendale throughout the months of March and April 2015. For example, the City provided household hazardous waste pick-up events between March 16 and April 3; and the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride occurred on April 12 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. In addition, the Skunk Creek and Trail Clean-up and a work day at the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden will take place on Saturday, April 18; and the City will celebrate Arbor Day on April 22 at Dos Lagos Park.

### **Community Benefit/Public Involvement**

Issuance of a proclamation celebrating Environmental Awareness Month encourages all residents to make this month a time of commitment to the principles of environmental stewardship and responsibility for the betterment of our community.