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November 15, 2006 - Missouri Recycles Day

On Wednesday, November 15, thousands of Missourians will participate in events designed to celebrate Missouri Recycles Day, an event held in conjunction with America Recycles Day. The first America Recycles Day was held back in 1997, and has become an annual tradition sponsored by the National Recycling Coalition.

The Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) is working with a broad array of partners to celebrate and plan events for Missouri Recycles Day. Communities across the state will host events to help raise awareness for all aspects of recycling – from collection and processing, to completing the recycling loop through the purchase of products and packaging made from recycled content materials.

Each event will be designed to show how recycling is working and the important role each of us plays to keep it working by conserving resources, reducing waste, creating jobs and strengthening our local economy.

The 2006 MORA sponsored Missouri Recycles Day Poster Contest brought in over 4,000 entries from public and private schools across the state. Winning entries will be used to design the 2007 Missouri Recycles Day calendar. The 2006 winners will be announced on the MORA website (www.MORA.org) on or before November 15. Winning posters will also be displayed.

MORA board members will travel to Jefferson City on November 8 to attend Governor Matt Blunt's Open House and accept the 2006 Missouri Recycles Day Proclamation.

In addition to participating in MRD activities, Missourians can support America Recycles Day by simply pledging to step up their own efforts to recycle and buy recycled. By making a pledge, Americans 18 and over will become eligible to win an Alaskan cruise for two in a random drawing. Information can be found at the America Recycles Day website www.americarecyclesday.org.

Mary Anne Phillips, MRD Coordinator, is posting Missouri Recycles Day events on the America Recycles Day website (managed by the National Recycling Coalition).

To find out how to get involved in Missouri Recycles Day events and activities, contact Mary Anne Phillips, City of Joplin, PH: 417-624-0820 Ext. 501, E-mail: MPhillip@joplinmo.org or the Missouri Recycling Association at 1-866-667-2777 or access our website at www.MORA.org.

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