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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 446

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*Designating the first full week of September, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Zero Waste Awareness Week in Virginia.*

Patrons—Feggans, Askew, Convirs-Fowler, Clark, Martinez, Mundon King, Rasoul and Shin

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, preventing or mitigating the production of waste not only benefits the environment and helps protect the Commonwealth's valuable natural resources, but also provides financial benefits for Virginians by reducing the need for waste disposal and cleanup; and

WHEREAS, the first full week of September is recognized internationally as Zero Waste Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste Awareness Week provides an opportunity for Virginians to reduce waste by refusing to purchase items that create excessive waste, reducing the need for single-use or unnecessary items, and reusing, recycling, or repurposing other items when possible; and

WHEREAS, businesses in the Commonwealth are encouraged to engage with their employees and customers to promote ways to decrease waste; and

WHEREAS, state agencies are also encouraged to participate in Zero Waste Awareness Week by offering programs to educate members of the public on strategies to minimize waste and ways to contribute to the development of a zero waste society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the first full week of September, in 2025 and in each succeeding year, as Zero Waste Awareness Week in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to representatives of the Zero Waste movement so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this week on the General Assembly's website.

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