



BELLA VISTA
A place to call home
PROCLAMATION

Whereas, a plastic bottle takes 450 years to break down and a soda can 200 years, and

Whereas, the City of Bella Vista has always had and continues to have a strong volunteer population that regularly devotes hours to roadside litter cleanup, and

Whereas, in addition to one U.S. and two state highways, Bella Vista has more than 550 miles of roads, and

Whereas, the annual 6 in 60 cleanup event, in its 6th year, is the largest resident-organized event resulting in the beautification of the U.S. 71 corridor in Bella Vista, and

Whereas, in 2023, more than 3,900 volunteers spent 3,300 hours collecting more than 6,500 bags of trash, showing a 29% increase in volunteers, a 24% increase in volunteer hours, and a 46% increase in bags collected since 2022, according to the Arkansas Department of Transportation, and

Whereas, litter abatement programs should be promoted for reasons of public health and safety, economic development, aesthetics, and environmental conservation, and

Whereas, litter prevention and cleanup efforts by all are critical to maintaining a vibrant, beautiful and healthy community in Bella Vista.

Now, therefore, I, John D. Flynn, Mayor of Bella Vista, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Litter Awareness Month, recognizing and celebrating those who give their personal time to help keep the city clean, and those business owners and employees who care about how the appearance of their business storefront impacts their city.

Further, I urge all citizens and businesses to participate in clean-up efforts along roadways and declare the city will promote those businesses that do so by honoring them as Litter Aware businesses in the City of Bella Vista.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2024

Mayor

