Leadership Endorsement Template

<Agency/Leader Name> is pleased to announce “Florida Food Waste Prevention Week” taking place April 5-9, 2021. Our goal is to raise awareness and inspire a call to action to reduce food waste in our homes, workplaces and communities.

Consider these benefits from better utilizing food resources:

* **Reduce Hunger -** Up to 3 million tons of food is wasted annually in Florida, while  1 in 7 Floridians lack consistent access to nutritious food.
* **Money**  - A family of four can save on average $1500 annually.
* **Conservation -** Florida can safeguard critical natural resources of land, water, and energy used in growing food.

Food waste prevention also aligns with the EPA, USDA and FDA’s *Winning on Reducing Food Waste* initiative to reduce food waste by 50% by 2030. Food in landfills decomposes very slowly, releasing methane gas which contributes to climate change. To protect our shared resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, it is imperative that everyone joins in to divert wholesome food from landfills.

Taking steps to prevent food waste has the power to feed people, save money and conserve resources.

 Agency/Leader Name > endorses Florida Food Waste Prevention Week and encourages its partners, workforce and the public to take simple food waste prevention actions.

<Agency/Leader Name>’s mission of [protecting community health, increasing food security, mitigating climate change, preserving natural resources, etc.]

Working together, we can Save The Food in Florida.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Please scan and return signed endorsement to* *contact@foodwastepreventionweek.com* *by March 15,2021.*