**RESOLUTION #XX-XX**

**TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH OF XX, COUNTY OF XX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO SUPPORT PACKAGING REDUCTION ACT**

**Resolution in Support of the New Jersey State Legislature Passing a Strong Packaging Product Stewardship Act (S3398/A5009)**

**WHEREAS**, packaging waste makes up nearly one-third of the municipal waste stream in New Jersey, placing a significant burden on local governments and taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of managing packaging waste amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars annually, diverting critical funds from essential municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, much of this packaging is not recyclable, contributing to overflowing landfills, increased pollution, and inefficiencies in local waste management systems; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic waste creates environmental harm throughout its entire lifecycle—from fossil fuel extraction to production, use, and disposal—leading to pollution, health concerns, and long-term economic costs; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturers and producers should take responsibility for the full lifecycle of the packaging they introduce into the market, rather than leaving municipalities and taxpayers to shoulder the costs and consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Packaging Product Stewardship Act (S3398/A5009) will reduce waste, increase recycling rates, stimulate job creation in the green economy, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and provide substantial financial relief for local governments and taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, by supporting this legislation, municipalities can help shift the financial and operational burden of waste management from taxpayers to the producers, ensuring a more sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective waste system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that [INSERT JURISDICTION] strongly urges the New Jersey State Legislature to pass and enact a robust and effective Packaging Product Stewardship Act, ensuring a cleaner environment, stronger local economies, and a fairer waste management system for all New Jersey communities.

RESOLVED, further, That [INSERT JURISDICTION] shall forward copies of this resolution to:

1. Senator Bob Smith [Senbsmith@njleg.org]
2. Senator Nicholas Scutari [Senscutari@njleg.org]
3. Senator Paul Sarlo [Sensarlo@njleg.org]
4. Assembly Rep James Kennedy [Asmkennedy@njleg.org]
5. Assembly Rep Craig Coughlin [Asmcoughlin@njleg.org]
6. Association of NJ Environmental Commissions [Info@anjec.org]

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XX, Township Clerk XX, Mayor

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