**RESOLUTION #XX-XX**

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

**PACKAGING PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP ACT**

Support for the New Jersey State Legislature to Pass a Strong Packaging Product Stewardship Act (S3398/ A5009)

WHEREAS, approximately 40% of plastics produced are used for packaging, and

WHEREAS, managing packaging waste costs New Jersey taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and

WHEREAS, companies that produce packaging materials should help bear the costs of its waste byproducts, and

WHEREAS, some packaging is not recyclable, and

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution throughout its entire lifecycle - from extraction of the fossil fuels used to make it, to its manufacture, its petrochemical additives, its use, and its disposal, and

WHEREAS, litter resulting from this excess packaging is a blight on the community, and

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Product Stewardship Act (S3398/A5009) would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for taxpayers, provide new money to local governments to manage waste, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that [INSERT JURISDICTION] urges the New Jersey State Legislature to pass to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Product Stewardship Act,

RESOLVED, further, that [INSERT JURISDICTION] shall forward copies of this resolution to the governor, local state assemblymember, the local state senator, those listed below and others deemed necessary and proper:

1. Senate President Paul Scutari [Senscutari@njleg.org]
2. Senate Majority Leader Teresa Ruiz [Senruiz@njleg.org]
3. Assembly member James Kennedy [Asmkennedy@njleg.org]
4. Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin [Asmcoughlin@njleg.org]
5. Association of NJ Environmental Commissions [Info@anjec.org]

ATTEST:

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XX, Township Clerk XX, Mayor

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