

RESOLUTION #XX-XX

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

Support for the New Jersey State Legislature to Pass a Strong Packaging Product Stewardship Act
(S426/A1444)

WHEREAS, packaging constitutes one-third of the municipal waste stream in New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, managing packaging waste costs New Jersey taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually, 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, those who produce these materials should help bear the costs of managing them, and

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Product Stewardship Act, as drafted in the NJ Senate and Assembly (S426/A1444) would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create green sector jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lowers greenhouse gas emissions, and

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

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

1. Governor Phil Murphy
2. Senator Bob Smith
3. Senate Energy & Environment
4. Assembly Rep James Kennedy
5. Assembly Environment & Solid Waste
6. Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

ATTEST:

XX, Township Clerk

XX, Mayor

Adopted: XX