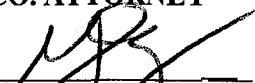


NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Public Works Committee DATE: 04/06/10 RESOLUTION # PW-039-10

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	<u>PW - 3/29/10</u>	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes <u>0</u>
	_____	_____	Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, manufactured goods and packaging constitute approximately 75% of the materials managed by Niagara County, based on figures reported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and

WHEREAS, the cost of continued management of hazardous materials and products that are difficult to recycle is expected to continue to rise, and

WHEREAS, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of hazardous products, and

WHEREAS, state policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals, which is an unfunded mandate, and

WHEREAS, a movement in the direction of Extended Producer Responsibility has begun in New York State to encourage manufactures to take responsibility for management of post consumer products by incorporating the cost of recycling and disposal in product prices, as well as to encourage design and manufacture of products that are less toxic, more durable and easier to repair and recycle, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature supports statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for hazardous product discard management and other product waste management costs, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature urges the New York State Legislature to enact framework Extended Producer Responsibility legislation which will give producers the incentive to design products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor David A. Paterson, Senator George D. Maziarz, Senator Antoine D. Thompson, Member of the Assembly Jane L. Corwin, Member of the Assembly Jim Hayes, Member of the Assembly Stephen Hawley, Member of the Assembly Robin Schimminger, Member of the Assembly Francine DelMonte, the New York State Association of Counties and the New York State Association for Solid Waste Management and all others deemed necessary and proper.


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