

Resolution No. 233 September 18, 2009  
By Supervisor Brown

**TITLE: To Support Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation Regarding Manufactured Goods and Packaging**

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), manufactured goods and packaging constitute approximately 75% of materials managed by solid waste facilities in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the related disposal costs for these materials is borne by residents and localities that manage and dispose of such waste, and

WHEREAS, the theory of extended producer responsibility has begun in New York state to encourage manufacturers to take responsibility for management of post consumer products by incorporating the cost of recycling and disposal in product prices as well as encouraging design and manufacture of products that are less toxic, more durable and easier to repair and recycle, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Solid Waste Management has formed the New York Product Stewardship Council to assist in formulating State legislation to enact extended producer responsibility legislation, and

WHEREAS, Washington County has been a leader in recycling; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Supervisors hereby supports extended producer responsibility legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board calls upon the Governor and Legislature to adopt legislation implementing extended producer responsibility; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Paterson, Senator Little, Assemblyman Jordan, NYSAC and any other party requested or deemed necessary and proper.

**BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None.**