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Sullivan County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Support for the New York State Assembly and Senate to Pass a Strong Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S1464/A1749) and Expand the State's Bottle Bill

WHEREAS packaging makes up approximately 40 percent of the waste in New York State; and

WHEREAS managing packaging waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS some packaging is not recyclable and reusable, and refillable packaging systems are not readily available; and

WHEREAS plastic causes serious pollution, including litter and use of toxic chemicals; and

WHEREAS companies that produce packaging should help bear the costs of packaging waste, not just taxpayers; and

WHEREAS enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, as drafted in the New York Assembly and the New York Senate, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act should work in tandem with and supplement New York State's Returnable Container Act; and

WHEREAS New York's Returnable Container Act should be modernized to reflect an expanded market of beverages, and the deposit on beverage containers should be increased to 10 cents,

BE IT RESOLVED that Sullivan County urges the New York State Legislature to pass, and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law, a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, and an expanded and modernized Bottle Bill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sullivan County shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assemblymember Paula Elaine Kay, Senator Peter Oberacker, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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