



Sullivan County Executive Committee Meeting Agenda - Final

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Chairman Robert Doherty
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Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Committee Member George Conklin
Committee Member Luis Alvarez
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Thursday, June 15, 2023

9:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Discussion:

Resolutions:

1. Resolution to approve third round of repurchases for 2023 [ID-5581](#)
Attachments: [Repurchase 3 2023](#)
2. To authorize 2023 Legislative Discretionary Funding. [ID-5582](#)
3. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONVEY PARCELS TO THE TOWN OF BETHEL FOR HIGHWAY USE [ID-5583](#)
4. Allocate Sullivan County appropriations from 2023 Youth Services budget line "Contract Other," A7310.40.4013, to County youth programs. [ID-5586](#)
Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul
5. Allocate 2023 State Aid to county youth programs. Youth Bureau receives funding from NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Youth Bureau Administration and Youth Development Programs. [ID-5587](#)
Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul
6. To amend the Management Confidential Employee Salary Schedule. [ID-5589](#)
7. Abolish and create a position in the Sheriff's Office [ID-5592](#)

- 8. To authorize the County Manager to execute a Partnership Agreement for Employees of Sullivan County. [ID-5594](#)
- 9. Terminate contract between County of Sullivan and Sullivan 180 dated November 30, 2022 [ID-5599](#)
- 10. To authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sullivan 180 for use of funds not expended after termination of the November 30, 2022 contract. [ID-5600](#)
- 11. Support of Product Stewardship and Urging the Establishment of a Stewardship Program for Packaging and Printed Paper [ID-5601](#)

Adjourn



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File #: ID-5581

Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan took title to various parcels by virtue of tax foreclosure proceedings by Deed dated the 22nd day of March, 2023 and recorded in the Sullivan County Clerk’s Office on the 22nd day of March, 2023 as Instrument #2023-2539; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms and provisions of Sullivan County Local Law No. 5 of 2003, as amended, the County has received applications requesting certain parcels on Schedule “A” attached hereto, be reacquired by the former owner(s) in consideration for the amount of delinquent taxes, interest and penalties; plus ten (10%) percent of the delinquent taxes, interest and penalties; a surcharge of five (5%) percent of the equalized full assessed value; and other costs and charges, all as required by said local law; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of such parcels indicated on the attached Schedule “A” will restore the former owner(s) and any lien holders to their respective status prior to the foreclosure once a court order is executed restoring said liens and title is conveyed to the former owner(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents in order to re-convey the properties listed on the attached Schedule “A” to the former owners for the total sum of the delinquent taxes, interest, and penalties; plus ten (10%) percent of the delinquent taxes, interest and penalties; a surcharge of five (5%) percent of the full equalized assessed value and other costs and charges, pursuant to Sullivan County Local Law No. 5 of 2003, as amended.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: n/a

Are funds already budgeted? No

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

n/a

2023 REPURCHASE #3 **FORMER OWNER NAME**

BE38.-2-30.12	Eddy Jean-Baptiste
LU7.-9-9	Lesley D. Phillips
LU7.-17-10	Lesley D. Phillips
MA41.-1-38	Joshua Heintze
MA41.-19-4	Joshua Heintze
MA41.-28-1	Joshua Heintze



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File #: ID-5582

Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

Agenda #: 2.

Narrative of Resolution:

The Legislative Discretionary Funding program is designed to assist Sullivan County and County-oriented entities with achieving such goals as public safety, public health, youth services, community development and economic development.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$4,000

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: N/A

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature adopted a Legislative Discretionary Contract Funding Program pursuant to Resolution No. 327-16; and

WHEREAS, the program is designed to assist Sullivan County and County-oriented entities with achieving such goals as public safety, public health, youth services, community development, and economic development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature approves the projects listed in the attached "Schedule A" and the disbursement of the associated funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes the County Manager to enter into contracts with these award recipients for the contract period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, said contracts to be in a form approved by the County Attorney.

"Schedule A"

2023 Legislative Discretionary Contract Funding

Applicant	Project	Award Recommendation
Fallsburg Fire Department	Purchase of safety equipment (\$2,000 District 7 & \$2,000 District 8)	\$4,000



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Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

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Narrative of Resolution:

WHEREAS, properties located in the Town of Bethel designated on the Sullivan County Real Property Tax Map as Bethel 16.-1-13.26 and 16.-1-13.28 are owned by the County of Sullivan by virtue of an Article 11 foreclosure for unpaid taxes; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the two parcels above are roads that were intended to be formally dedicated to the Town of Bethel, but the dedication was never effectuated; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Treasurer presented these parcels to the Real Property Advisory Board for review and the Real Property Advisory Board agrees that the parcels should be transferred to the Town of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel passed a Resolution confirming that they already maintain both of the roads in question and that the Town agrees to take over ownership of the two parcels in question; and

WHEREAS, tax bills for several lien years were generated for the above-mentioned parcels and remain unpaid, accruing delinquent taxes, penalties and interest; and

WHEREAS, as these taxes, penalties and interest are unenforceable, the Real Property Advisory Board further believes that it is in the best interest of the County to cancel any outstanding taxes, penalties and interest due and owing on the aforementioned parcels pursuant to §558 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents in order to convey the two parcels in question to the Town of Bethel for the municipal purpose set forth above; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is so authorized to cancel the delinquent taxes, penalties and interest assessed to the parcels noted above and charge back the appropriate tax to the school district pursuant to Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: n/a

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

n/a



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File #: ID-5586

Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

Agenda #: 4.

Narrative of Resolution:

Allocate Sullivan County appropriations from 2023 Youth Services budget line "Contract Other," A7310.40.4013, to County youth programs.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: 116,768.43

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$116,768.43

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

If "Yes," specify appropriation code(s): A7310.40.4013 **If "No," specify proposed source of funds:**

Estimated Cost Breakdown by Source

County: \$100,000.00	Grant(s): \$0.00
State: \$0.00	Other: \$0.00
Federal Government: \$0.00	(Specify): 2022 unused County funds (\$16,768.43)

Person(s) responsible for monitoring contract (Title): Kristen A. Kitson,

Manager of Youth Services

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ALLOCATE SULLIVAN COUNTY APPROPRIATION FROM 2023 YOUTH SERVICES BUDGET LINE "CONTRACT OTHER" A7310.40.4013

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan contracts with various agencies for services to youth through the Sullivan County Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan has appropriated \$100,000 in the 2023 Sullivan County budget to provide funding to such agencies for their programs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan has reallocated \$16,768.43 from the 2022 Sullivan County Youth Bureau budget to provide funding for 2023 programs; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Youth Bureau recommends the allocation of such funds to the following projects, in amounts not to exceed those listed:

Town of Rockland	\$7,000.00
Town of Fallsburg - Youth Drama Club	\$3,500.00
Liberty Police Juvenile Aid Bureau	\$10,000.00
Boys & Girls Club - Project Triple Club Monticello	\$10,000.00
Center for Discovery - The Discovery Innovation Green Team (Dig It)	\$7,500.00
Fearless- Youth Education Program	\$9,676.75
Cornell Cooperative Extension- 4-H Youth Development Program	\$10,000.00
Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum - Development of Environmental Education and Stream Science Field Trip Programs	\$10,000.00
Bethel Woods Center for the Arts - Peace Love Arts You	\$10,000.00
St. Peter's Church - A Place Where Everyone Belongs	\$7,000.00
Nesin Cultural Arts - El Sistema Influence	\$4,000.00
Nesin Cultural Arts - Summer Arts Academy Program	\$3,000.00
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$3,000.00
Sullivan County Head Start - I am Moving, I am Learning	\$8,000.00
Livingston Manor Free Library - Manor Ink	\$6,000.00
Camp Koinoia Nature Camp	\$8,091.68

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature, for the County of Sullivan, approve the allocation to the aforementioned list of projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all necessary documentation and papers in connection herewith, in such form as approved by the Sullivan County Attorney's Office.



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File #: ID-5587

Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

Agenda #: 5.

Narrative of Resolution:

Allocate 2023 State Aid to county youth programs. Youth Bureau receives funding from NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Youth Bureau Administration and Youth Development Programs.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: 76,621.35

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$76,621.35

If "Yes," specify appropriation code(s): A7310.47.4794; R3820.R337 If "No," specify proposed source of funds:

Estimated Cost Breakdown by Source

County: \$0.00	Grant(s): \$0.00
State: \$54,737.00	Other: \$0.00
Federal Government: \$0.00	(Specify): Youth Sports & Education Opportunity Funding (YSEP)
	\$20,318.00 Reallocation of 2022 State Funding
	\$1,566.35

**Person(s) responsible for monitoring contract (Title): Kristen A. Kitson,
Manager of Youth Services**

INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE 2023 ALLOCATION OF STATE AID TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County and its municipalities are eligible to receive local assistance funds for the year 2023 for Youth Development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Youth Advisory Board recommends the allocation of Office of Children and Family Services State aid to the following projects, in amounts not to exceed those listed:

State Youth Development Program Funding

Town of Bethel - Youth Recreation	\$7,500.00
Town of Mamakating - Youth Recreation	\$7,500.00
Town of Cochection - Youth Recreation	\$7,500.00
Town of Fallsburg - Recreation	\$7,500.00
Town of Tusten - Recreation Program (TYC)	\$7,500.00
Town of Thompson - Youth Recreation/Cultural Excursions	\$7,500.00
Town of Highland - Youth Recreation	\$7,500.00
Nesin Cultural Arts - Theater Program	\$1,000.00
Youth Achievement and Development (YARD)	\$1,237.00

Youth Sports & Education Opportunity Funding (YSEP)

Town of Fallsburg - Youth Basketball	\$2,000.00
Town of Fallsburg - Youth Football	\$2,000.00
Town of Fallsburg - Youth Soccer	\$2,000.00
Town of Fallsburg - Learn to Swim	\$2,000.00
Town of Thompson - Youth Sports League	\$2,000.00
Town of Thompson - Youth Ski Program - Thursday Night Lights	\$2,000.00
Town of Thompson - Youth Swim Program	\$2,000.00
Town of Thompson - Youth Skating Program	\$2,000.00
Nesin Cultural Arts - Dance Program	\$4,318.00

Reallocation of 2022 State Funding

2022 Unused State Funds	
Town of Tusten - Recreation Program (TYC)	\$1,566.35

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature, for the County of Sullivan, approve the allocation of Office of Children and Family Services State aid to the aforementioned list of youth development projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all necessary documentation and papers in connection herewith, in such form as approved by the Sullivan County Attorney's Office.



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Narrative of Resolution:

To amend the Management Confidential Employee Salary Schedule.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$596,347, we are looking to eliminate \$397,301 in vacant positions, leaving a total cost of \$199,046

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

N/A

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature adopted a Management Confidential Employee Salary Schedule on December 14, 2021 via Legislative Resolution No. 459-21, and an amended schedule on July 21, 2022 via Legislative Resolution No. 309-22; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to make all Management/Confidential Employees that are currently working a 35 hour a week schedule, to a 37.5 hour a week schedule, the additional weekly hours allow for the enhancement of productivity and supervision within the respective offices; and

WHEREAS, Management Confidential Employees that are currently working more than 35 hours a week will be compensated at the same percentage increase that all Management Confidential Employees will be receiving for the increased hours; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the section that states “Position changes that are on a promotional basis shall receive the base salary for that position or 3% of current salary whichever is higher and should be replaced with “Position changes that are on a promotional basis shall receive the base salary for that position or 5% of current salary whichever is higher”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature hereby amends the Management Confidential Employee Salary Schedule to increase the scheduled 35 hour a week employees to 37.5 hours a week, and all current Management/Confidential Employees that are currently working more than 35 hours shall be compensated in accordance with the remaining Management/Confidential Employees, to be effective July 24, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Management Confidential Employee Salary Schedule will be amended to replace the existing section that states “Position changes that are on a promotional basis shall receive the base salary for that position or 3% of current salary whichever is higher and should be replaced with “Position changes that are on a promotional basis shall receive the base salary for that position or 5% of current salary whichever is higher”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable sections of the schedule shall be amended to reflect the new schedule of weekly hours to include, but not limited to the accrued time.



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File #: ID-5592

Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

Agenda #: 7.

Narrative of Resolution:

Abolish and create a position in the Sheriff's Office

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: Click or tap here to enter text.

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH DEPUTY SHERIFF AND CREATE THE POSITION OF DEPUTY SHERIFF DETECTIVE

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has reviewed its staffing needs and is requesting the creation of Deputy Sheriff (Detective Assignment) in the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, an existing Deputy Sheriff employee that is serving as a School Resource Officer will be also assigned as a detective for youth related investigations, and

WHEREAS, the position of Deputy Sheriff will be abolished Position #2958 and the position of Deputy Sheriff (Detective Assignment) will be created in the Sheriff's Office with the employee being placed in the newly created position will also be serving as a School Resource Officer, and

WHEREAS, the annual salary for this position will be based upon the current Patrolmen's Benevolent Association collecting bargaining agreement.

NO, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby abolishes the position of a Deputy Sheriff and creates the position of a Deputy Sheriff (Detective Assignment) in the Sheriff's Office with the employee in this new position also assigned as a School Resource Officer.



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File #: ID-5594

Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

Agenda #: 8.

Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize a Partnership Agreement for Employees of Sullivan County.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$0

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

N/A

WHEREAS, Marist College, Office of Graduate Admissions is interested in partnering with the County of Sullivan and their employees by promoting the mission and vision of both organizations; and

WHEREAS, Marist College will provide employees with opportunities to engage in active learning through meaningful achievement in academic pursuits and purposeful preparation to help employees grow, both personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, this partnership will allow employees of Sullivan County to have an opportunity to enroll in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program at 50% off the cost of tuition, and also offer employees, as well as their immediate adult family members a twenty-five percent (25%) discount on all other non-discounted full-time or part-time graduate and adult undergraduate programs online or on campus (some exclusions apply).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute a Partnership Agreement for employees of Sullivan County with Marist College, Office of Graduate Admissions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.



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File #: ID-5599

Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

Agenda #: 9.

Narrative of Resolution:

Terminate contract between County of Sullivan and Sullivan 180 dated November 30, 2022

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: Click or tap here to enter text.

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO TERMINATE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN AND SULLIVAN 180 DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2022

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan (“County”) and Sullivan 180 entered into an Agreement dated November 30, 2022 for Sullivan 180 to provide leadership and planning for a coordinated network of health care workers in Sullivan County to address the issue of chronic disease and to reduce unnecessary repeat hospitalization and emergency department visits by residents disproportionately affected by social and economic factors pursuant to resolution No. 409-22 adopted by the Sullivan County Legislature on September 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the County agreed to provide Sullivan 180 with an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan 180, having expended approximately forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) now desires to terminate the contract and enter into a new agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County is in agreement with termination of the November 30, 2022 contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract between the County of Sullivan and Sullivan 180 dated November 30, 2022 is hereby terminated.



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File #: ID-5600

Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

Agenda #: 10.

Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sullivan 180 for use of funds not expended after termination of the November 30, 2022 contract.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$10,000

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN AND SULLIVAN 180

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan (“County”) and Sullivan 180 desire to entered into an Agreement whereby Sullivan 180 agrees to provide a pilot program to directly stipend community health champions as grassroots community health workers for the purposes of teaching evidence based prevention programs (English and Spanish) that align with the County’s Health Improvement Plan and/or mission of Sullivan 180 out in the community; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to provide Sullivan 180 with an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Sullivan Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute a contract with Sullivan 180 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the purpose of education in a form to be approved by the County Attorney.



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File #: ID-5601

Agenda Date: 6/15/2023

Agenda #: 11.

Narrative of Resolution:

Support of Product Stewardship and Urging the Establishment of a Stewardship Program for Packaging and Printed Paper

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$0

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP AND URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR PACKAGING AND PRINTED PAPER

WHEREAS, more than 18 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) is generated each year in New York State; and

WHEREAS, 70 percent of MSW is made up of discarded products and packaging; and

WHEREAS, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the waste sector represent about 12 percent of statewide emissions; and

WHEREAS, the most significant GHG emissions impact during the lifecycle of products and packaging result not from disposal but from the production of products and packaging that eventually become waste; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature wishes to express support for broad Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) or product stewardship requirements to cover the end-of-life management of post-consumer products and that EPR should be a priority for addressing emissions from the waste sector; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul introduced the Waste Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act as part of her Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Executive Budget proposal to create an EPR program for packaging and paper products; and

WHEREAS, bills to create an EPR program for packaging and paper products have also been introduced by Senator Peter Harkham (S.4246) and by Senator Rachel May and Assembly member Steve Englebright (S.9493/A.10185); and

WHEREAS, these EPR programs would significantly reduce waste and single-use plastic packaging and would require producers to take responsibility for the end-of-life

management of their own packaging and invest in modernizing the operations at local recycling facilities; and

WHEREAS, S.9493/A.10185 and S.4246 would also prohibit certain toxic and dangerous chemicals in packaging, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), ortho-phthalates, bisphenols, halogenated flame retardants, such heavy metals as lead, cadmium and mercury, and other chemicals posing a threat to human health and safety and to the environment; and

WHEREAS, not only would such an EPR program provide relief to local governments, but it would also reduce GHG emissions from the production and disposal of consumer goods by incentivizing producers to reduce waste and design products that are more sustainable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature supports EPR as a policy tool to make producers legally and financially responsible for mitigating the environmental impacts of their products and packaging; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature urges the Governor and Legislature to enact an EPR program for packaging and printed paper to reduce waste by at least 20 percent within five years and 50 percent within 10 years and shift the burden of managing the ever-evolving packaging waste stream away from taxpayers and local governments and onto producers and manufacturers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature supports an EPR program that prohibits toxic and dangerous chemicals in packaging, including those chemicals listed in bills S.9493/A.10185 and S.4246, to protect public health and safety and avoid costs associated with their production, transport, use, and disposal, including public health costs, costs of environmental remediation, and costs of responding to such accidents as the recent derailment in East Palestine, Ohio of a train carrying vinyl chloride; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature urges local government representation on the advisory council created to implement and oversee the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, NYSAC urges the Governor and Legislature to also create an EPR framework to enable the State to create stewardship requirements for additional products with significant GHG impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Sullivan County shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Sullivan County representatives of the New York State Legislature, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos, and all others deemed necessary and proper.