



Natural Resources Council of Maine

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Dear Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources,

Below is a list of Maine cities and towns, representing more than 325,000 residents from across the state, that have passed resolutions in support of the adoption of an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging law to save taxpayers money and improve the effectiveness of recycling as described in LD 1541: An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money.

Maine's municipalities have been unfairly forced to shoulder the burden of the nation's recycling problems and it is time for big corporations to do their part.

Town	Population	Legislators
Bangor*	31,997	Rep. Cardone, Rep. Perry, Rep. Roeder, Rep. Supica, Sen. Baldacci
Bar Harbor	5,535	Rep. Lynne Williams, Sen. Luchini
Bethel	2,632	Rep. Head, Sen. Keim
Blue Hill	2,676	Rep. Pebworth, Sen. Luchini
Brunswick	20,481	Rep. Arford, Rep. Tucker, Rep. McCreight, Sen. Daughtry
Camden	4,825	Rep. Doudera, Sen. Miramant
Cape Elizabeth	9,313	Rep. Kessler, Rep. Millet, Sen. Carney
Ellsworth	8,048	Rep. Grohoski, Sen. Luchini
Falmouth	12,240	Rep. Crockett, Rep. Pierce, Sen. Breen
Freeport	8,510	Rep. Sachs, Sen. Daughtry
Harpwell	4,912	Rep. McCreight, Sen. Daughtry
Kennebunkport	3,639	Rep. Babbidge, Rep. Gere, Sen. Deschambault
Kingfield	970	Rep. Skolfield, Sen. Black
Lewiston	35,944	Rep. Brooks, Rep. Cloutier, Rep. Connor, Rep. Craven, Sen. Libby
Limerick	2,919	Rep. Blier, Rep. Sampson, Sen. Woodsome
Lubec	1,304	Rep. Tuell, Sen. Moore
Manchester	2,556	Rep. Warren, Sen. Hickman

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North Yarmouth	3,800	Rep. Sharpe, Sen. Daughtry
Orono	10,679	Rep. Osher, Rep. Perry, Sen. Dill
Pittsfield	4,022	Rep. Collamore, Sen. Farrin
Poland	5,612	Rep. Bradstreet Arata, Rep. Fay, Sen. Claxton
Portland*	66,417	Rep. Brennan, Rep. Collings, Rep. Crockett, Rep. Lookner, Rep. Sylvester, Rep. Talbot Ross, Rep. Wood, Rep. Zager, Sen. Ben Chipman, Sen. Sanborn
Scarborough	20,352	Rep. Bailey, Rep. Caiazzo, Rep. Warren, Sen. Brenner, Sen. Carney
South Portland	25,606	Rep. Kessler, Rep. Morales, Rep. Reckitt, Sen. Carney
Topsham	8,852	Rep. Tepler, Sen. Vitelli
Tremont	1,593	Rep. McDonald, Sen. Luchini
Trenton	1,525	Rep. Grohoski, Sen. Luchini
Waterville	16,646	Rep. Madigan, Rep White, Sen. Cyrway
Whitefield	2,286	Rep. Lemelin, Sen. Maxmin

**Bangor City Council Supports LD 1541 and is finalizing municipal resolution language on May 10, 2021 at their evening council meeting.*

**Portland City Council's Legislative Committee has directed City staffers to testify in support of LD 1541 in lieu of adopting a municipal resolution.*



Resolution of the Bar Harbor Town Council

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Whereas, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

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The Municipal Officers of Bar Harbor


Jefferson Dobbs, Chair


Matthew A. Hochman, Vice-Chair


Gary Friedmann


Valerie Peacock


Jill Goldthwait


Erin E. Cough


Joseph Minutolo

Resolution to support Municipal Recycling Programs

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We, The Select Board of the Town of Bethel, Maine, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

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01/06/2020



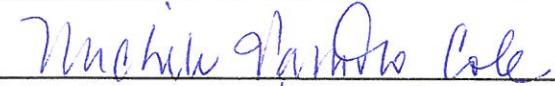
Peter Southam



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Lori Swain



Michele Varuolo-Cole



Andrew Whitney

Town of Blue Hill, Maine

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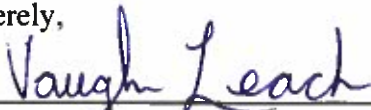
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Sincerely,



Vaughn Leach, Select Board Chair



Ellen Best



James Dow

Town of Brunswick, Maine



TOWN COUNCIL

Resolution Supporting Recycling Reform for Maine

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Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Council of Brunswick, Maine, supports an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431).

We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

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Voted by the Town Council of Brunswick, Maine this 21st day of October, 2019

/s/ John M. Perreault

John M. Perreault, Chair – Town Council



RECYCLING REFORM FOR MAINE

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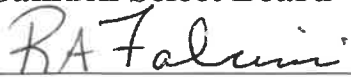
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Camden Select Board

12/17/2019



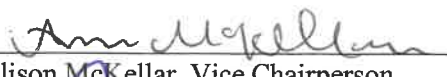
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Jenna Lookner, Board Member



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I, Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk of the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine do hereby certify that at a duly called meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Town Council on March 8, 2021 at which all of the members of the Town Council were present and voting throughout, the following item was passed unanimously.

Item #56-2021 Consideration of Endorsement of the Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution

Moved by Valerie J. Deveraux and Seconded by Gretchen R. Noonan

ORDERED, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council endorses the Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution as prepared by the Natural Resources Council of Maine as presented.

(7 yes) (0 no)

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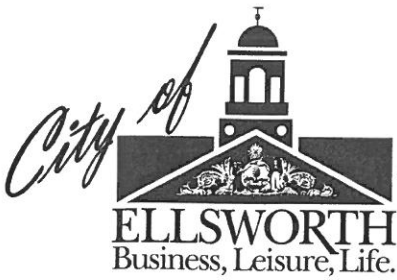
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*Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk
Certified this 2nd day of April 2021 at Cape Elizabeth, Maine*



City of Ellsworth - Recycling Reform Proclamation

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Now, Therefore Be It Resolved:

The City of Ellsworth, a municipality of Maine, does hereby support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

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Dale Hamilton, City Council Chair/Mayor

Date:



TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION
*For the Town of Falmouth to Support LD 2104, an Extended Producer
Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Law*

- WHEREAS,** packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs. However, producers are not designing packaging that can be profitably recycled; and
- WHEREAS,** global recycling markets have experienced recent changes resulting in local challenges to process recyclable materials in feasible ways and exposure of flaws in how recycling has been managed. Taxpayers currently pay 100% of the cost and an estimated \$17 million each year to manage these materials through increasingly expensive disposable and recycling options and municipalities are also responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and
- WHEREAS,** the Maine Legislature passed LD 1431, a Resolve to Support Municipal Recycling Programs, in 2019, which aims to develop legislation to establish an extended producer responsibility law for packaging in the State; and,
- WHEREAS,** stakeholders are working together using the framework of LD 1431, to implement An Act to Support and Increase the Recycling of Packaging, LD 2104, which recognizes that there are more effective, more sustainable and more equitable ways of incentivizing producers to make packaged material that is easily recyclable; and
- WHEREAS,** producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packing through extended producer reforms in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada; and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs; and
- WHEREAS,** through an extended producer responsibility law, producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs, and
- WHEREAS,** implementation of a statewide Extended Producer Responsibility Program for packaging wastes would ensure that municipalities will be protected from unbalanced costs when global recycling markets are unfavorable, and taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling and the packaging manufacturers will be provided a more equitable way to distribute costs.

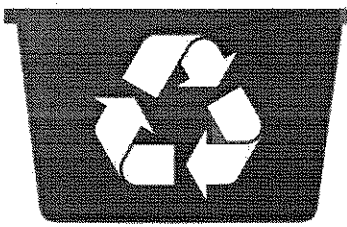
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH, ASSEMBLED THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH 2020, THAT:

The Falmouth Town Council does hereby agree to the following:

Resolution No 97-2020

1. The Town of Falmouth supports LD 2104, an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging law as endorsed by the Maine Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431).

Attest: Linda M Case Date: 3/11/2020
Linda Case, Deputy Town Clerk



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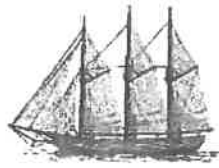
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Harpswell Board of Selectmen December 19, 2019



TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

~ INCORPORATED 1653 ~

MAINE'S FINEST RESORT

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We, the Town of Kennebunkport, Maine, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

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Adoption of a resolution in support of developing an "Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging" law

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Resolved:

Selectmen: Allen G. Pappas

Selectmen: Shula Matthews-Bull

Selectmen: John A. Briggs

Selectmen: _____

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Date Resolved: 9-26-2019

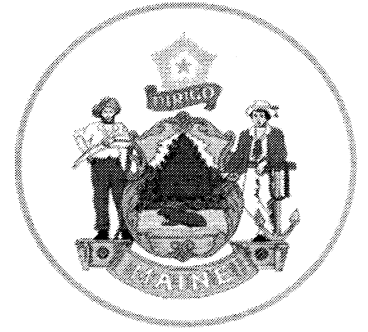


Town of Kingfield

38 School Street

Kingfield, ME 04947

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Given under our hands the 5th day of August, A.D. 2019



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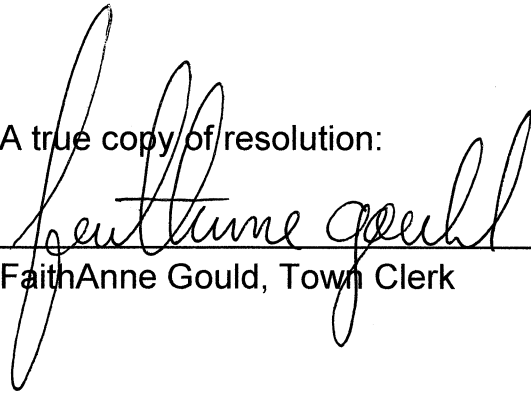


Walter Kilbreth

Raymond Meldrum

Board of Selectmen, Town of Kingfield

A true copy of resolution:



FaithAnne Gould, Town Clerk



COUNCIL RESOLVE

Resolve, Calling Upon the Maine Legislature to Support an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging Law.

Whereas, Maine’s communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and, in some cases, are eliminating recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

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Whereas, producers of product packaging have taken some or all of the responsibility for managing post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,

The City Council of the City of Lewiston supports an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of LD 1431, A Resolve To Support Municipal Recycling Programs. We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

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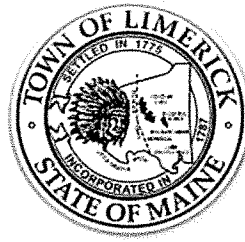
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Be It Further Resolved, that

The City Clerk shall provide copies of this Resolve to the Members of the Legislature's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Lewiston Legislative Delegation.

Roland C. LePage
Joanne L. Andrews
Gilbert S. Harris
Wendy M. Thorne
Dottie Richard
BOS@LimerickME.org



Board of Selectmen
Phone: 207-793-2166 #6
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Town Of Limerick
55 Washington Street
Limerick, ME. 04048

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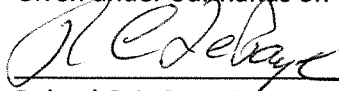
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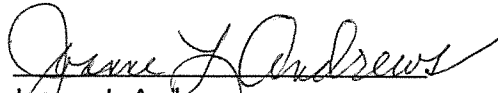
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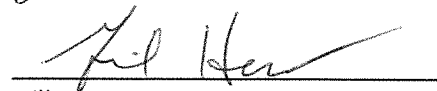
Given under our hands on this 9th day of September, 2019




Roland C. LePage Jr.



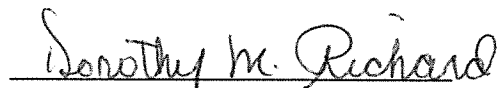
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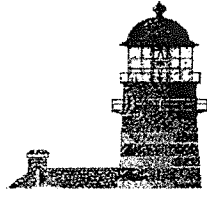


Wendy M. Thorne



Dorothy M. Richard

Board of Selectmen, Town of Limerick



Town of Lubec

**40 School Street
Lubec, ME 04652
(207) 733-2341**

Resolution for the Town of Lubec

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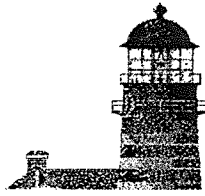
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We, the select board of the Town of Lubec, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:



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This Resolve is signed and supported by the Lubec Board of Selectmen

Carol Dennison – Chairman

Daniel Wagner -Vice Chairman

Rachel Rubeor- Selectman

Jason Evasius- Selectman

Sonja Bailey- Selectman

**Resolution of the Select Board of the Town of Manchester, Maine
Regarding Recycling Reform for Maine**

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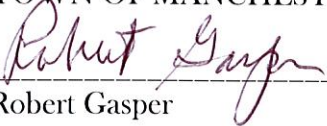
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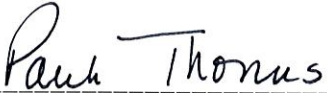
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TOWN OF MANCHESTER, MAINE



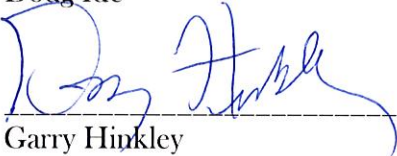
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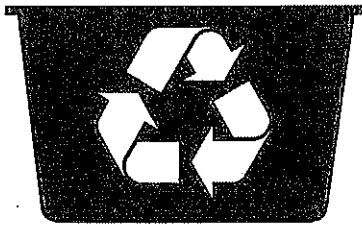
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RECYCLING REFORM FOR MAINE

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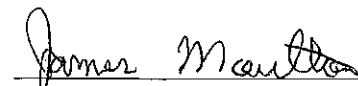
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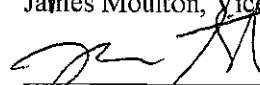
Steve Berry, Chairman



Austin Harrell, Member



James Moulton, Vice Chairman



Brian Sites, Member

Date: February 16, 2021



Town of Orono

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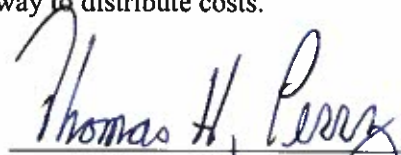
Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Orono Town Council, that the Council hereby supports an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

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Signed and Sealed this 8th Day of February 2021.


Thomas Perry, Council Chairman

Town of Pittsfield
112 Somerset Avenue
Pittsfield, Maine 04967-1432
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townmanager@pittsfield.org

May 05, 2021

Legislature's Joint Standing Committee
on Environment and Natural Resources

At their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 04, 2021, the Pittsfield Town Council voted in the spirit of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) to support the concept of the EPR Packaging Law. The Town of Pittsfield encourages the Legislature to continue to work with the many stakeholders involved to develop and enhance LD 1541 "An Act to Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money."

We understand that it is not an easy process to bring everyone together and commend you for your efforts to support and improve municipal recycling. We are very proud of our comprehensive recycling program and our ability to assist our neighbors through our regional recycling efforts.

Respectfully yours,

Kathryn Ruth

Kathryn Ruth
Town Manager



Town of Poland

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Poland, ME 04274
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Signed this 17th day of September, 2019


Board of Selectpersons


Mary-Beth Taylor, Chairperson


Surette Moulton, Vice-Chairperson


Joseph Cimino


Stephen Robinson


Stanley Tetenman



Town of Scarborough, Maine

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**RESOLUTION 19-001
TO SUPPORT MUNICIPAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS [LD1431]**

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Signed and dated this 6th day of November, 2019, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

Peter F Hayes

Signed by: Peter F. Hayes
Council Chair

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Attested by: Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

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**IN CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVE #9-19/20**

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WHEREAS, changes in the global recycling markets affected the local waste stream and directly impacted South Portland through more stringent restrictions on clean recycling loads and subsequent contamination fees; and

WHEREAS, South Portland has demonstrated leadership in waste reduction programs, policies, and practices through the Polystyrene Ban and Plastic Bag Fee, the state’s first citywide food waste recycling program, and a cross-jurisdictional recycling internship program; and

WHEREAS, South Portland remains committed to providing waste reduction and recycling services combined with robust, citywide outreach and education campaigns to foster a better understanding in the community of how to recycle properly; and

WHEREAS, South Portland has a goal to increase the City's recycling rate to 40% by 2020 through purposeful purchasing, reuse, recycling, and composting and will outline actions to minimize waste by changing how our community consumes and disposes goods and materials in the *One Climate Future* plan;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, We, the City of South Portland, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

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TOWN OF TOPSHAM, MAINE



Derek Scrapchansky
Town Manager

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Mark M. Waltz
Assistant Town Manager

Rose Woodd
Administrative Assistant

March 5, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

On February 18, 2021, the Topsham Board of Selectmen discussed and deliberated a request to adopt a resolution to support recycling reform for Maine. The Board had an extended discussion and voted unanimously **“In the spirit of EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) the Town of Topsham supports the concept of the EPR Packaging Law and we encourage the Legislature to continue working to develop a policy”**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Scrapchansky".

Derek Scrapchansky
Town Manager

Cc: Board of Selectmen

Resolution

Of the Tremont Board of Selectmen

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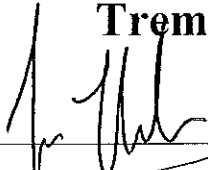
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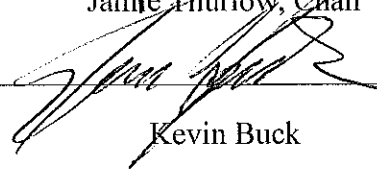
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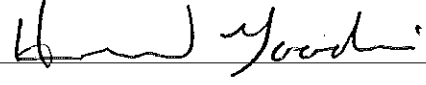
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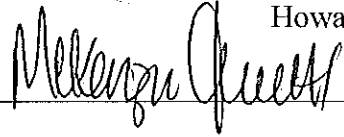
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TOWN OF TRENTON

February 12, 2020

Sarah K. Nichols
Sustainable Maine Director
3 Wade Street, Augusta, Maine 04330

Whereas the Town of Trenton Maine recognizes the need for responsible management of our municipal solid waste, and the town recognizes the relationship of solid waste production to consumer activity and producer packaging choice, as well as the effect of Solid Waste Management on long and short-term fiscal, environmental, and health outcomes for the citizens of Trenton and other Maine municipalities, the Select Board has voted in support of the State's continuing exploration of the concept of Expanded Producer Responsibility.

Very truly yours,

R. Frederick Ehrlenbach
Chair, Board of Selectmen



Office of the
City Manager

March 19, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

On March 16, 2021, the City of Waterville City Council discussed and deliberated a request to adopt a resolution to support recycling reform for Maine. The Council had an extended discussion and voted in support of the following: **“In the spirit of EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) the City of Waterville supports the concept of the EPR Packaging Law, and we encourage the Legislature to continue working to develop a policy”.**

Sincerely,

Stephen Daly
City Manager

cc: City Council



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CITY OF WATERVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 41-2021

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR:

SUPPORT FOR AN EXTENDED PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING (EPR) LAW

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Waterville City Council, acting as the Municipal Officers, as follows:

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THAT, In the spirit of EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility), the City of Waterville supports the concept of the EPR Packaging Law and we encourage the Legislature to continue working to develop a policy.

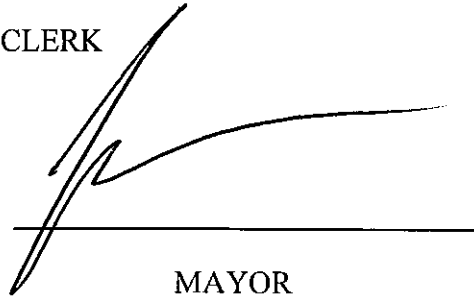
IN THE CITY COUNCIL

February 16 _____, 2021 Read and Postponed to 3/16/21.

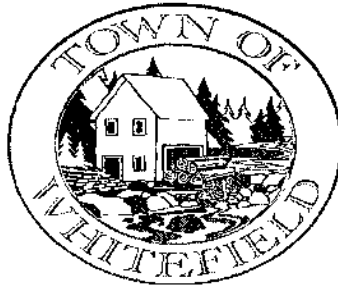
March 16 _____, 2021 Read and Approved, As Amended.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



MAYOR



**RESOLUTION 19-001
TO SUPPORT MUNICIPAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS (LD1431)**

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We, the Town of Whitefield, Maine, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law as endorsed by the Legislature in 2019 through the passage of the Resolve, To Support Municipal Recycling Programs (LD 1431). We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

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Signed and dated 19th day of November 2019 by the Select Board of Whitefield, Maine.


Lester Sheaffer, Chair



William McKeen, Vice Chair

Charlene Donahue


Lise Hanners


Keith Sanborn

TRUE AND ATTESTED


TOWN CLERK