

**TOWN OF COPEN**

**RESOLUTION**

**Number 17 of April 11, 2024**

**To Support the New York State Assembly and Senate Passage of a Strong Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (A.5322-B/S.4246-B) and Expand the State's Bottle Bill (A.6353/S.237-B)**

**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 A.5322-B and the New York Senate S.4246-B, 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; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town of Copake 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 A5322-B/S4246-B, and an expanded and modernized Bottle Bill A.6353/S.237-B; and

It is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Copake shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Assembly Speaker and New York State Senate Majority Leader, the local state assemblymember, the local state senator, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution No. 17  
Dated April 11, 2024  
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Haight  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Morningstar

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Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

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April 11, 2024