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**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A ZERO WASTE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the placement of materials in waste disposal facilities, such as landfills and incinerators, causes damage to human health, wastes natural resources, and wrongly transfers liabilities to future generations; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of specified types of waste for disposal, also known as disposal bans, will protect states from waste importation from other states and nations; and

WHEREAS, consumers are currently forced to assume the high financial cost of collecting, recycling and disposing of materials; and

WHEREAS, tax subsidies for waste and virgin materials send the wrong economic signals to both consumers and producers; and

WHEREAS, a resource recovery-based economy will create and sustain more productive and meaningful jobs; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, the United States of America and international governments and organizations are adopting the policy that the financial responsibility of collecting, recycling and disposing of materials belongs with producers; and

WHEREAS, producers should design products to ensure that they can be safely recycled back into the marketplace or nature; and

WHEREAS, most types of waste streams can be eliminated through across-the-board minimum recycling content laws, the use of non-toxic alternatives in product design, and local composting facilities; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that some presently non-recyclable materials are necessary for public health and national security, in which case, retrievable storage is the only safe alternative; and

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WHEREAS, recognizing that voluntary recycling goals have not, and in all probability cannot, achieve waste elimination; and

WHEREAS, with the understanding that government is ultimately responsible for leading by example and establishing criteria needed to eliminate waste, so that manufacturers produce and businesses sell materials that can be safely recycled or composted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF SNOW HILL that a Zero Waste Plan in order to eliminate waste and pollution in the manufacture, use, storage and recycling of materials.

Passed this 24 day of March 2004.



Mauren N. Baker
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