

MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE TO INCREASE FUNDING TO THE EPF – MUNICIPAL WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 TO AT LEAST \$10,000,000.00

The Environmental and Consumer Affairs Committee (Chairman Hathaway, and Legislators Bartels, DePew, Harris, Meyer, Richard Parete, and Shapiro) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) is an inter-governmental agency consisting of the seven county governments in the Hudson Valley region including: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester Counties, and

WHEREAS, the Council maintains an active Solid Waste Management Committee that convenes the member county waste management and recycling executives several times a year for the purpose of fostering regional approaches to the critical matter of solid waste management and to discuss solid waste issues that are common across the region, and

WHEREAS, the single, most significant issue currently impacting the ability of the regions' counties to effectively manage their solid waste programs is the need for Environmental Protection Funds (EPF), and

WHEREAS, any interruption in the critical EPF funding stream will significantly affect the Hudson Valley counties' ability to continue recycling programs such as the extremely successful household hazardous waste collection events, in addition to important recycling and environmental education programs, and

WHEREAS, any reduction in funding will result in a negative impact on the quality of life of our citizens and the long-term environmental benefits of these programs, and

RESOLVED, is it requested that New York State take the necessary steps to appropriate a sufficient level of funding to the EPF-Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling program, in the fiscal year 2004-2005 budget, so these critical programs can be sustained at the current service levels, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, the \$5,000,000.00 proposed appropriation to this program is not sufficient to support its continuation statewide, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the appropriation should be increased to at least \$10,000,000.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader Martin Connor, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Daniel Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 33 NOES: 0

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
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