SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2019-48

JULY 11, 2019

RESOLUTION OF THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S2776 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A4330, PROHIBITING THE USE OF PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS, EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE AND SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS

WHEREAS, single-use plastics and other plastic disposable products are creating an environmental crisis; and

WHEREAS, New Jerseyans dispose of over 4,000,000,000 plastic bags every year; these plastic bags, along with other single-use, disposable plastic products, are a threat to residents' health and the environment; they harm marine life, clog storm drains, and release toxins into the air and water when incinerated or discarded in a landfill; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastics, including plastic bags, are the most common contaminant of recyclables; and

WHEREAS, this contamination damages and shuts down recycling center operations; limits the resale value of recyclable materials; and results in recyclable materials being discarded in a landfill;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Salem County Improvement Authority calls upon the members of the Senate, General Assembly, and the Governor of New Jersey to support Senate Bill S2776 and Assembly Bill A4330, which would ban the use of plastic carryout bags, expanded polystyrene, and single-use plastic straws.

ATTEST:

Barry Davis, Secretary

Cordy Taylor, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Salem County Improvement Authority at a meeting thereof held on July 11, 2019.

Barry Davis, Secretary