Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 10/28/19 07:00 PM

2019 RESOLUTION APPROVAL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REDUCING THE USE OF DISPOSABLE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS

WHEREAS, Single-use checkout bags create significant litter problems in Bloomfield's neighborhoods, and also litter parks, the sewer system and waterways; and

WHEREAS, the broad use of single-use carryout bags and their typical disposal creates an impediment to achievement of Bloomfield's environmental goals; and

WHEREAS, the production and disposal of single-use checkout bags has significant environmental impacts, including the contamination of the environment, the depletion of natural resources, use of non-renewable polluting fossil fuels, and the increased clean-up and disposal costs; and

WHEREAS, all single-use plastic carryout bags have great impacts on litter; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in the use of disposable plastic carryout bags helps to protect the marine environment, advance solid waste reduction, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and keep waterways clean; and

WHEREAS, studies document that banning plastic carryout bags will dramatically reduce the use of plastic bags and increase customers' use of reusable bags; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission finds that the reduction in the use of disposable plastic carryout bags by retail establishments in the Township of Bloomfield is a public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission desires to reduce the number of disposable plastic carryout bags that are being used, discarded and littered and to promote the use of

reusable carryout bags by retail establishment located within the Township of Bloomfield;
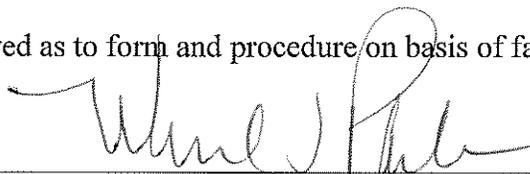
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Support Senate Bill S2776 and call on the Senate to work towards its passage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Bloomfield Environmental Commission supports reducing the use of disposable plastic carryout bags; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission, the Recycling Committee and Greener Bloomfield all support legislation to ultimately ban the use of single-use plastic carryout bags in the Township of Bloomfield and statewide.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.
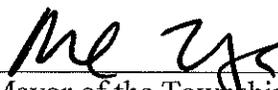
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Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

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Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on October 28, 2019.

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Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

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Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
☐ Adopt ☐ Deny			**Yes/Aye**	**No/Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
☐ Withdrawn	Jenny Mundell		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table ☐ Not Discussed	Nicholas Joanow		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ First Reading	Sarah Cruz		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table with no Vote	Wartyna Davis		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Approve ☐ Veto by Mayor	Ted Gamble		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Discussion	Richard Rockwell		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Defeated ☐ Discussion No Vote	Michael J. Venezia		☑	☐	☐	☐