



## RESOLUTION #

### **A RESOLUTION TO SKIP THE STUFF AND SUPPORT PLASTIC REDUCTION**

PLEDGE of Municipal Support for Skip the Stuff Campaign

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 40 billion individual single-use plastic utensils are discarded every year in the United State; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that many individual single-use utensils are discarded in the United States having never been used and an unnecessary cost burden to restaurants,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over \$200 million will be saved collectively by businesses across the United States by only providing cutlery that customers request;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 70% of street litter is from food and beverage containers, clogging storm drains and adding to flooding;

WHEREAS, landfills are overburdened and any reduction in waste hauling and waste disposal is cost saving for taxpayers;

WHEREAS, it is beyond dispute that the use of single-use plastic has a severe and negative environmental impact on the local and global environment as a result of greenhouse gas emissions emitted to produce, transport and discard plastic cutlery and condiment containers, the land-based and ocean-based pollution created, the hazards posed to wildlife, the hazards posed to sources of drinking water, and the negative impact on the ecosystem and food chain as a whole; and

THEREFORE, the town of XX, resolve to support the Skip the Stuff campaign in which a food provider shall not provide single-use utensils and condiments for take-out orders, except upon request, and shall only provide reusable cutlery and no single-use disposable condiments for dine-in customers.

MAYOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED (DATE): \_\_\_\_\_