

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN
TO RECOVER MORE TEXTILES FROM THE WASTE STREAM**

WHEREAS, (name of municipality or agency) operates a successful recycling program for (name of municipality) residents and businesses with a goal to reduce, reuse and recycle components of the waste stream in order to benefit the environment; and

WHEREAS, (name of municipality or agency) is supportive of expanding recycling efforts in New York State that capture and reuse waste items that would otherwise be disposed of as solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that only about 15% of unwanted textiles, including clothing, shoes, hats, linens, towels, and belts, are donated for reuse or recycling; the remaining 85% is simply trashed, estimated at 70 pounds per citizen per year; and

WHEREAS, (name of municipality or agency) has recognized that the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR³), is teaming up with the Council for Textile Recycling (CTR), and the Association of Wiping Materials, Used Clothing and Fiber Industries, also known as Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles (SMART), to launch a first-of-its-kind statewide textile recovery campaign in New York State aimed at recovering 1.4 billion pounds of textiles trashed annually in New York State, with a market value of \$200 million, by:

- Increasing awareness for the need to increase textile recovery and recycling and reducing wasteful textile disposal practices,
- Enhancing job development through the recovery of more materials, and
- Promoting collaboration between key textile recovery stakeholders, including collectors, recyclers, retailers, and municipal recycling professionals; and

WHEREAS, (name of municipality or agency) wishes to take a leadership role in recycling efforts to reduce solid waste and recycle those components of the waste stream in order to benefit the environment by promoting textile recovery efforts, and communicating the environmental, economic, and social benefits of increased textile recovery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that (name of municipality or agency) does hereby express its strong support of a Statewide campaign to recover more textiles from the waste stream and to thereby reduce waste that would otherwise end up in the solid waste stream by promoting textile recovery efforts and communicating the environmental, economic, and social benefits of increased textile recovery. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution Adopted Date: _____

Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Signed: _____