

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA,**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

**WHEREAS**, the population is discarding more and more products in the categories of Universal Waste and Household Hazardous Waste which leads to higher management costs; and

**WHEREAS**, state policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans, both of which are typically unfunded mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments have limited resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products, and added costs are being shifted to taxpayers and ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, costs paid by local governments, taxpayers, and ratepayers to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products and products designed for disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara supports statewide efforts to have producers share in the responsibility for their products, including the end-of-life management costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers assume financial responsibility for management of waste products; and

**WHEREAS**, when products are reused and/or recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Barbara wishes to incorporate EPR policies into its procurement practices to reduce costs and protect public health and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State Association of Counties, the California League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, and the US Conference of Mayors have all adopted resolutions or policies in support of EPR;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that by adoption of this resolution, the County of Santa Barbara supports EPR programs and initiatives and urges the California Legislature to enact EPR legislation that will give producers the incentive to design products that are less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Public Works Director of the County of Santa Barbara be authorized to send letters to the California State Association of Counties, State agencies, and the State legislature and to use other advocacy methods to urge support for EPR legislation and related regulations when deemed appropriate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Santa Barbara encourages all manufacturers to share in the responsibility for eliminating waste by designing products for durability, reusability, and the ability to be recycled; to use recycled materials in the manufacture of new products; and to provide financial support for collection, processing, recycling, or disposal of used materials; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Santa Barbara strive to develop producer responsibility policies that favor producers that offer less toxic alternatives and take responsibility for collecting and recycling their products, such as computer equipment and printer toner cartridges, at the end of their useful life.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California on \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Joni Gray, Chair

ATTEST:

CHANDRA L. WALLAR  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
      Deputy Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS MARSHALL  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
      Deputy County Counsel