

## RESOLUTION NO. 134

### A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE A PILOT POLYSTYRENE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Introduced: 3/12/18

By: Messrs. Mauriello, Feeney and Ward:

WHEREAS, the waste stream consists of many products, both recyclable and not, and

WHEREAS, municipalities have initiated various recycling programs to reduce said waste stream and the amount of refuse buried in our landfills, and

WHEREAS, the useful life of many of our local landfills is finite and any waste that can be recycled and diverted from our landfills will increase the longevity of the landfills, and

WHEREAS, the County of Albany has adopted multiple policies and initiatives in order to help preserve our environment, and

WHEREAS, polystyrene is a product which is being recycled successfully and economically by other municipalities in our state and country from Central New York to California to Florida, and

WHEREAS, polystyrene is a material that can be diverted from taking up space in our landfills and can be recycled and reused instead, providing a benefit to our County and region both environmentally and economically, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be, and hereby is, requested to investigate, design, and implement a pilot polystyrene recycling program in the County of Albany and is authorized to pursue any grant(s) or funding opportunities necessary to implement said program, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the results of the first one hundred and eighty days of this pilot program, including the feasibility of future expansion, be delivered in a report to the County Legislature no later than forty five days after said one hundred and eighty days of program implementation.

*Referred to Audit and Finance and Health Committees - 3/12/18*

*Favorable Recommendation Health Committee – 5/30/18*

*Favorable Recommendation Audit and Finance Committee – 5/30/18*

*Mr. Mauriello proposed the following amendment:*

*The Second RESOLVED clause shall read as follows:*

*“RESOLVED, that the results of the first one hundred and eighty days of this pilot program, including the feasibility of future expansion as well as the progress of the sustainable packaging industry regarding replacement materials, be delivered in a report to the County Legislature no later than forty five days after said one hundred and eighty days of program implementation”*

*On roll call vote the following voted in favor of the amendment: Messrs. Beston, Burgdorf, Crouse, Drake, Feeney, Grimm, Hogan, A. Joyce, Mss. Lekakis, Lockart, Messrs. Mauriello, Mayo, Mendick, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Stevens, Tunny, Ward - 17*

*Those opposed: Mr. Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Fein, Higgins, R. Joyce, Mss. McKnight, McLean Lane, Messrs. Miller, O'Brien, Reinhardt, Signoracci, Simpson, Smith, Touchette and Ms. Willingham - 22*

*Amendment failed.*

*On roll call vote the following voted in favor of the original resolution: Messrs. Burgdorf, Crouse, Drake, Feeney, Grimm, Hogan, A. Joyce, Mss. Lekakis, Lockart, Messrs. Mauriello, Mayo, Mendick, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Smith, Stevens, Tunny, Ward and Ms. Willingham - 18*

*Those opposed: Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Fein, Higgins, R. Joyce, Mss. McKnight, McLean Lane, Messrs. Miller, O'Brien, Reinhardt, Signoracci, Simpson and Touchette - 21*

*Resolution was defeated – 6/11/18*