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CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK

I, Marjory Jaeger, Town Clerk of the Town of Amherst, in the County of Erie, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY, as follows:

That the attached Resolution 2015-581, "Resolution Urging State Representatives to Amend the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Refuse Act" is a true and exact copy of the Resolution enacted by the Town Board at its meeting on June 1, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Town of Amherst this 4th day of June, 2015.

Marjory Jaeger
Town Clerk
Town of Amherst, Erie County, NY

Sworn to before me
This 4th day of June, 2015

Notary Public

KATHLEEN M. COOPER
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Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Erie County
My Commission Expires June 30, 2018



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Meeting: 06/01/15 07:00 PM
Department: Councilmembers
Initiated by: **Steven D. Sanders**
Co-Sponsored by:

DOC ID: 13426

RESOLUTION 2015-581

ADOPTED

Resolution Urging State Representatives to Amend the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Refuse Act

WHEREAS, the main reasons for the adoption of the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act (Act) were to assist local governments with managing the fast-growing electronics waste stream by relying on electronics manufacturers to fund a recycling infrastructure and relieve municipalities from the recycling and end-of-life management costs; and

WHEREAS, the Act has succeeded in significantly increasing electronics recovery and recycling in the state, but the collection infrastructure is unstable and local governments and other collectors are faced with mounting fees in the absence of consistent manufacturer funding and limited markets for cathode ray tubes (CRTs); and

WHEREAS, the consequence, specifically following the January 2015 Electronics Disposal Ban, is significant as a growing number of municipalities such as Town of Amherst are faced with bearing more of the financial responsibility for continued e-scrap collection in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires, and the state relies on, electronics manufacturers to fund e-scrap recycling programs that are effective, continuous and reasonably convenient to all consumers across the state; and

WHEREAS, once manufacturers have met their performance standard (goal), which in a number of cases is midway through the year, they no longer provide financial support to continue their collection programs, thus shifting management costs to unexpected, cash-strapped local governments; and

WHEREAS, the issue is worsened by the fact that electronics sold today weigh much less than the obsolete CRT devices that make up approximately 70% of the weight of e-scrap generated, which are cost intensive to responsibly manage; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in many local governments across the state having grappled with the burden to fund or cease e-scrap collection, which has been particularly difficult in rural communities that do not benefit from retail collectors or economies of scale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amherst Town Board does hereby call upon Governor Cuomo, the New York State Assembly, the New York State Senate and the State Department of Environmental Conservation to improve the current law intended to build toward the long-term goals of creating a more stable and comprehensive, manufacturer implemented electronics recycling infrastructure by implementing actions to strengthen communication among stakeholders, clarify key statutory provisions in their present rulemaking efforts, and promote the adoption of the Proposed Statutory Changes to the Act to provide for year round, no-cost collection of electronics, consistent with

convenience standards for both rural and urban populations-that help alleviate the immediate financial pressures faced by local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Amherst Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Cuomo; Environmental Conservation Committee Chairman State Senator Thomas O'Mara; State Senator Michael Ranzenhofer; Member of the Assembly Raymond Walter; the New York State Association of Towns; and the Erie County Legislature.

6/01/2015

Consent

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steven D. Sanders, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark A. Manna, Councilmember
AYES:	Weinstein, Marlette, Manna, Sanders, Popowich