

# Inter-County Association of Western New York

*Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.*

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14-IC**

### **RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S.06502-A AND NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.00732-B, AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE ON STATE PROPERTY**

Offered by: the Inter-County Association of Western New York

**WHEREAS**, New York State Senate Bill S.06502-A and New York Assembly Bill A.00732-B would prohibit the use of Glyphosate on state property. Glyphosate is a widely-used herbicide used to control the growth of noxious weeds, grasses and unwanted forest underbrush; and

**WHEREAS**, Not only is Glyphosate critical for farmers growing fruit, vegetables, corn, soybeans, and other food crops, it is an important tool of the state to control invasive plants on state land; and

**WHEREAS**, Glyphosate has been registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since 1974 and has since been reviewed and reassessed within the EPA's registration review program. The EPA has found no risks when Glyphosate is used properly with its current label. Most states accept the EPA review and registration for allowed use in their states; however, New York is one of the few states that reviews products for environmental and health impact prior to registration in the state, creating a dual certification process; and

**WHEREAS**, Passing this legislation sets a dangerous precedent, usurping a state regulatory agency's statutory responsibility to review and register these products in New York State. Farmers have relied on the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for regulations and scientific credibility, it is important to not set a precedent to bypass the DEC's authority; now, therefore be it

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. The Inter-County Association of Western New York joins the New York State Farm Bureau, New York State Agribusiness Association, New York Corn and Soybean Growers Association, Empire State Forest Products Association, New York Wine Industry Association, Northeast Dairy Producers Association, Inc., New York State Vegetable Growers Association, Northeast Agribusiness & Feed Alliance, New York State Turfgrass Association, New York State Wine Grape Growers and Apples from New York in opposition to New York State Senate Bill S.06502-A and New York Assembly Bill A.00732-B and respectfully calls upon New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to veto S.06502-A and A.00732-B; and be it

2. That the Inter-County Association of Western New York Secretary is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to state representatives and all others deemed necessary and appropriate.

*This is to Certify that I*, the undersigned, Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Association at a session held on the 16th day of October 2020 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Inter-County Association of Western New York dated October 16, 2020.

*Jodi Adams*

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Jodi Adams, Secretary  
Inter-County Association of Western New York



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