

# Inter-County Association of Western New York

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## RESOLUTION NO. 012-25

### MEMORIALIZING NEW YORK STATE IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S5759 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A6192 RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT OF PFAS IN BIOSOLIDS BY ESTABLISHING A FIVE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS.

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, seeks to protect the health and welfare of all residents and our agricultural lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-County Association of Western New York recognizes the potential health and environmental concerns attributable to the land application of biosolids derived from wastewater treatment facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to PFAS has the potential to cause significant health risks to humans, including, but not limited to, cancer, low birth rates, liver and immune system damage, and other serious health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, PFAS and PFOS are known to be long lasting “forever” chemicals that are slow to break down in the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the spreading of PFAS-laden biosolids and other contaminate-laden biosolids may sink below the water table and lead to run-off, causing contamination of drinking wells and other water supply sources; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon the New York State government to enact the necessary legislation to ban the use of toxic sewage sludge on our agricultural lands and protect our farms, families, and communities from further irreversible damage.

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Inter-County Association of Western New York hereby supports Senate Bill S5759 and Assembly Bill A6192 that would establish a five-year moratorium on the land application of bio-solids and require testing of certain groundwater, biosolids and soil, establish the PFAS agricultural response program and fund to assist farms found to have levels of PFAS contamination exceeding regulatory standards, establish a biosolid task force to evaluate risks and benefits of various methods of biosolid disposal, and report any such findings to the Environmental Protection Agency so that they may update their regulations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Inter-County Association of Western New York calls upon and strongly urges the Governor and the State Legislature to pass and sign Bill S5759/A6192 to protect the health of our citizens, our fragile water supply, and the agricultural lands we rely so heavily on; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the NYS Senate; all members of the NYS Assembly; and the New York State Association of Counties.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Seneca County on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Dated: August 1, 2025  
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary  
Inter-County Association of Western New York