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RESOLUTION NO. 015-25

URGING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (NYSDEC) TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CENTRALIZED DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE FOR USE BY MUNICIPALITIES.

WHEREAS, the NYSDEC requires detailed annual reporting for all of the refuse division's registered and permitted facilities to include recycling and solid waste, reported separately; and

WHEREAS, annual report forms are PDF forms that are not digitized for formulas or equations, making data entry cumbersome and redundant; and

WHEREAS, refuse divisions are required to provide detailed daily logs accounting for the recyclables reported in its annual reports, but is not equipped with the necessary resources to produce daily logs to support this task; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDEC produces a file inventory of annual reports produced by planning units and private contractors; and

WHEREAS, accessing data from archives requires a cumbersome data mining effort to scroll through scanned reports which cannot be queried by conventional data inquiry methods, creating incomplete or inaccurate records and resulting in the difficult task of gathering meaningful information from these records; and

WHEREAS, transfer stations lack the adequate resources (human, technology and infrastructure) needed to meet the specified requirement in the regulation for daily logs; they are not equipped with scales for weighing, rapid type separation, computers for capturing data, software, and people enough to manage data collection in detail; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDEC has defined the data that needs to be collected and is in the best position to produce and disseminate to all solid waste and recycling partners, software that fits the needs to capture, store, query, and share data.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, urges NYSDEC to develop, distribute and maintain data collection software, infrastructure and peripherals to support the level of data collection specified in the regulation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYSDEC digitize the annual reporting form so they can be inputted into a database for further query by NYSDEC and by municipalities interested in utilizing data for data driven decision making; and be it further

RESOLVED, the State provide grant funding for increased staffing levels to support data collection and recycling; 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 Steuben County on the 21st day of November 2025.

Dated: November 21, 2025
Bath, New York



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