

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLANO COUNTY  
SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

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**WHEREAS**, the Solano County Board of Supervisors support statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for product waste; and

**WHEREAS**, state policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans, both of which are unfunded mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, manufactured goods and packaging constitute the vast majority of the materials filling up Solano County landfills, costing Solano County residents and businesses millions of dollars a year in refuse rates; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2006, California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) took effect and makes it illegal to throw items in the garbage defined as "universal waste", which includes household batteries, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, thermostats and other mercury-containing devices, as well as electronic products that include but are not limited to VCRs, microwaves, cellular phones, cordless phones, printers, and radios; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the list of products determined to be hazardous as declared by California's Department of Toxics and Substances Control (DTSC) will continue to grow and therefore be banned from landfills and burden the management of these items to become the responsibility of local jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with household products that present a danger to handlers or contain toxic ingredients including mercury, lead, cadmium and other toxic chemicals that when disposed of improperly can contaminate water supplies through landfill leachate; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments have no input on the design of the products, make no profit from the products, and do not have the resources to address adequately the rising volume of discarded products; and

**WHEREAS**, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is an environmental policy approach in which producers assume both financial and/or physical responsibility for the end-of-life management of post-consumer products; and

**WHEREAS**, when producers are responsible for ensuring their products are reused or recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the

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product price, there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic; and

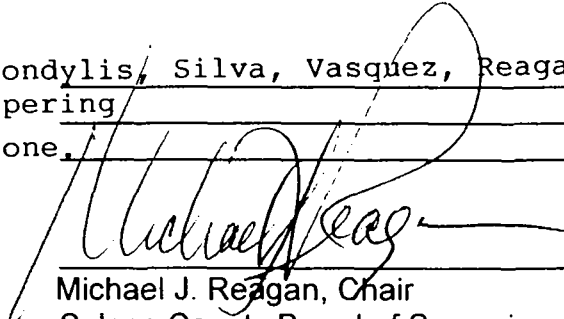
**WHEREAS**, EPR is a strong incentive for producers to efficiently accomplish the reverse logistics necessary for product take-back; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors urges our representatives in Sacramento to pursue statewide Extended Producer Responsibility legislation targeted at universal waste that will give incentives for the redesign of products to make them less toxic, and shift the cost of recycling and proper disposal of products from the local government to the producer and distributor of the product; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors will continue to support Extended Producer Responsibility initiatives and statewide legislation beyond universal waste to cover areas including other hazardous products.

On the motion of Supervisor Kondylis and the second of Supervisor Vasquez, the Solano County Board of Supervisors adopted this resolution at its regular meeting on November 6, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	<u>Kondylis, Silva, Vasquez, Reagan.</u>
NOES:	Supervisors	<u>Spering</u>
EXCUSED:	Supervisors	<u>None.</u>

  
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 Michael J. Reagan, Chair  
 Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
Michael D. Johnson, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: Patricia J. Crittenden  
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk