

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 22-3

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director

DATE: July 22, 2021

### CONTINUED EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OF INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

WHEREAS, Waste managers from the fourteen solid waste planning units in Northern Virginia, through the Northern Virginia Waste Management Board (NVWMB), have met since 1989 to review and coordinate on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, NVRC has staffed and coordinated the NVWMB since its inception, working on special projects, producing the biennial waste report for the Washington Metropolitan Region, and tracking state legislation and policy; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia region and Commonwealth of Virginia are facing ongoing challenges related to recycling processing costs, material contamination, difficult to recycle materials, lack of definitions for new waste management processes, and capacity challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) looks to the NVWMB for expertise and innovation on solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, the NVWMB has identified a number of approaches to improve the economics and environmental sustainability of reduction, recycling, waste management and diversion; and

WHEREAS, the NVWMB has seen some legislative successes, including the plastic bag tax and the extended polystyrene ban, and

WHEREAS, the NVWMB members have developed and presented to the Commission a series of Fact Sheets and Policy Positions to clarify and provide recommendations on electronics, litter, tires, recycling facilities, paint recover, extended producer responsibility, glass, contamination, and other issues; and

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework legislation has been used effectively in the U.S. and around the world to address challenges related to recycling processing costs, commodity markets development, difficult to recycle materials and to enhance recovery which reduces the burden on local waste management programs and promote proper end-of-life management of products and packaging, and establishes a legislative or regulatory framework for determining which products and/or packaging are included in an EPR law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NVRC staff, with NVWMB member assistance, are authorized to distribute the NVWMB Fact Sheets and Policy Positions to Virginia DEQ and the appropriate state legislators and provide technical assistance from the local waste management perspective.

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on July 22, 2021.

  
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ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER

