



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 03/21/17 05:30 PM
Department: Solid Waste Division
Category: Solid Waste and Recycling Center
Functional Category: Solid Waste and Recycling

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 6922*

1 **Resolution in Support of New York State Proposal to Increase Food**
2 **Waste Recycling and Edible Leftover Food Recovery (Pending**
3 **Committee action 3-21-17)**

4 WHEREAS, keeping food waste out of landfills and instead using it for compost or energy recovery is a
5 beneficial outcome environmentally and economically, and

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7 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Recycling and Materials Management Department already implements
8 programs to reduce and recycle food waste and is gearing up to recover even more, and

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10 WHEREAS, edible leftover food is also best to keep out of landfills and instead used to feed people, and

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12 WHEREAS, Tompkins County is fortunate to have the not-for-profit organization Friendship Donations
13 Network that re-routes nearly half a million pounds of food each year, distributing it to people in need instead of being
14 wasted, now therefore be it

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16 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the County Legislature
17 supports the proposal by Governor Cuomo to require large-scale generators of food waste to donate and recycle excess
18 food in alignment with the 1996 Federal Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act,

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20 RESOLVED, further, That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Cuomo, New York State
21 Assemblywoman Lifton, and New York State Senators Seward, O'Mara, and Helming.

22 **SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-20