

RESOLUTION NO. 19-XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 54 (ALLEN) AND ASSEMBLY BILL 1080 (GONZALES), THE CALIFORNIA CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION ACT

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Hermosa Beach with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the United States discards approximately 30 million tons of plastic each year; and

WHEREAS, plastic is not biodegradable in that it simply breaks down into smaller pieces thereby polluting the environment; and

WHEREAS, local governments in California spend millions of dollars each year to clean up and prevent plastic materials and other litter from entering rivers and streams and polluting the ocean; and

WHEREAS, discarded plastic materials negatively impact marine life as demonstrated by countless seabirds, turtles, and marine mammals dying from plastic ingestion or entanglement; and

WHEREAS, to address this matter the State Legislature introduced SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzales), the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would require the State to adopt regulations to reduce and recycle 75% of single-use plastic materials sold or distributed in the State by 2030; and

WHEREAS, these measures would also require a manufacturer of single-use plastic materials in the State to demonstrate a recycling rate of not less than 20% on and after January 1, 2024, not less than 40% on and after January 1, 2028, and not less than 75% on and after January 1, 2030, as a condition of sale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hermosa Beach has been a leader in source reduction and recycling in that the Hermosa Beach City Council adopted an ordinance banning polystyrene food service ware on September 11, 2012 (Ordinance No. 12-1332) and adopted an ordinance banning the use of plastic carryout bags on September 1, 2015 (Ordinance No. 15-0648); and

WHEREAS, the Hermosa Beach City Council is introducing an Ordinance of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, amending Chapter 8.64 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code to expand the ban on polystyrene food service ware to include a ban on certain polystyrene products, single-use plastic products, and single-use products and amending Chapter 1.10 to make violations of Chapter 8.64 subject to administrative penalty procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Hermosa Beach hereby SUPPORTS SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzales), the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to adopt regulations to reduce and recycle 75% of single-use plastic materials sold or distributed in the State by 2030 and to require a manufacturer of single-use plastic materials in the State to demonstrate a recycling rate of not less than 20% on and after January 1, 2024, not less than 40% on and after January 1, 2028, and not less than 75% on and after January 1, 2030, as a condition of sale.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of August 2019.

MAYOR of the City of Hermosa Beach, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney