

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY
County of Camden, State of New Jersey
#R 242 - 2019

**REAFFIRMING THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTING A
STATEWIDE LITTER ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTING A
PROGRAM TO REDUCE AND REUSE PLASTICS**

WHEREAS, during 2017, the New Jersey Clean Communities Council launched "VLS 2018," a Visual Litter Survey project, developed to track the success of the Clean Communities program at the state, county and municipal levels and to teach coordinators to conduct their own surveys.

WHEREAS, the first phase of the project was completed in September of 2017 when Environmental Resources Planning surveyed 94 sites throughout the state, the same exact 94 sites that the company surveyed in 2004.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the survey was to compare litter rates in streets and highways and to determine the success of the state program from the date of the baseline survey in 2004 to present.

WHEREAS, overall, a 53 percent reduction in litter on streets and highways was achieved between 2004 and 2017. In addition, 87 of the 94 sites showed reductions in litter.

WHEREAS, the amount of plastic manufactured in the first ten years of this century eclipsed the total produced in the entire last century.

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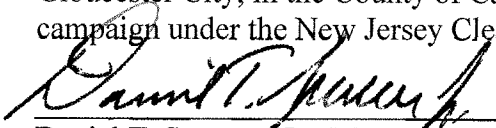
- Chemicals added to plastics are absorbed by human bodies. Some of these compounds have been found to alter hormones or have other potential human health effects.
- Plastic debris, laced with chemicals and often ingested by marine animals, can injure or poison wildlife.
- Floating plastic waste, which can survive for thousands of years in water, serves as mini transportation devices for invasive species, disrupting habitats.
- Plastic buried deep in landfills can leach harmful chemicals that spread into groundwater.
- Around 4 percent of world oil production is used as a feedstock to make plastics, and a similar amount is consumed as energy in the process.

WHEREAS, Plastics are very long-lived products that could potentially have service over decades, and yet our main use of these lightweight, inexpensive materials are as single-use items that will go to the garbage dump within a year, where they'll persist for centuries.

WHEREAS, New Jersey Clean Communities Council, now in its 17th consecutive year, reaffirms its commitment to implement a statewide program of public information and education that targets Clean Communities coordinators, schools, and the general public.

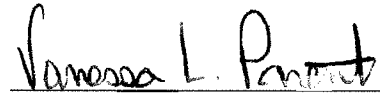
WHEREAS, New Jersey Clean Communities is implementing a "Reduce and Reuse" campaign that will reduce the amount of plastic entering the environment in New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, in the County of Camden, records its strong support for Choose to Reuse campaign under the New Jersey Clean Communities Council and the New Jersey Food Council.



Daniel T. Spencer, Jr., Mayor

Passed by the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City this 24th day of October, 2019.



Vanessa L. Parent, City Clerk