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County of Garfield)

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, Colorado, held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Garfield County Administration Building, in Glenwood Springs on Monday, June 7, 2010, there were present:

- John Martin _____, County Commissioner, Chair
- Mike Samson _____, County Commissioner
- Tresi Houpt _____, County Commissioner

When the following proceedings, among others were had and done, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-41

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE USE OF REUSABLE CLOTH BAGS IN LIEU OF PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS IN GARFIELD COUNTY

Recitals

A. WHEREAS, Garfield County has been presented with evidence that plastic shopping bags are consumed, degrade the environment and have significant economic implications; the evidence includes:

- a. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates 100 billion plastic shopping bags are consumed and discarded annually in the United States.
- b. It requires roughly 12 million barrels of oil to produce these plastic shopping bags.
- c. The provision of plastic bags cost retailers an estimated four (4) billion dollars per year and cities spend up to 17 cents in disposal costs per each plastic bag.
- d. Plastic bags are not biodegradable and less than one (1) percent of those bags used are recycled.
- e. There are environmental hazards associated with the use of disposable bags including but not limited to damage to biologic resources including terrestrial animals, marine and aquatic life. Already, plastic bags account for ten (10) percent of debris on the United States Coastline.

B. WHEREAS and in addition to, Garfield County has been presented with evidence that paper shopping bags are consumed, degrade the environment and have significant economic implications; the evidence includes:

- a. The American Forest and Paper Association estimated that 14 million trees were cut to produce 10 billion paper grocery bags used in the United States during the year of 1999.
- b. It takes four (4) times more energy to manufacture a paper bag than it does to manufacture a plastic bag.

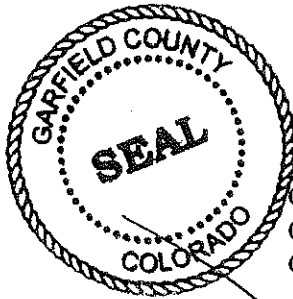
- c. Paper bags generate seventy (70) percent more air and fifty (50) percent more water pollution than plastic bags.
- d. Only an estimated seven (7) percent of paper bags are recycled.

C. WHEREAS, Garfield County acknowledges that residents of and visitors to the County participate in the consumption of these bags generally through purchases made at businesses that sell groceries; and

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County, Colorado, that the Board expresses support for the ongoing efforts of individuals, groups, and businesses that discourage the use of plastic and paper shopping bags and that provide alternative packaging options. The County hereforth encourages visitors to and residents of Garfield County to use reusable bags as the preferred bagging option.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2010.



ATTEST:

GARFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

Dorian L. Clayton
Clerk *Clerk*

[Signature]
Chair

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Commissioner Martin	Aye
Commissioner Houpt	Aye
Commissioner Samson	Aye

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I, _____, Board of County Commissioner Clerk and in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing Resolution is truly copied from the Records of the Proceeding of the Board for said Garfield County, now in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at Glenwood Springs, this ____ day of _____, A.D. 2010