

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04

**A RESOLUTION OF DICKINSON TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND
COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CALLING UPON
THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE COVERED DEVICE
RECYCLING ACT, ACT 108 OF 2010**

WHEREAS, the Covered Device Recycling Act, Act 108 of 2010, (CDRA) was adopted by the State Legislature in order to assist local governments with managing the fast-growing electronics waste stream by requiring electronics manufacturers to fund a recycling infrastructure and relieve local governments from the recycling and end-of-life management costs; and

WHEREAS, the CDRA has succeeded in significantly increasing electronics recovery and recycling in the Commonwealth, but the collection infrastructure is unstable and local governments and other collectors are faced with mounting fees in the absence of consistent manufacturer funding and limited markets for cathode ray tubes (CRTs); and

WHEREAS, the CDRA created a ban on disposal of electronic waste in landfills, effective January 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires electronics manufacturers to fund e-scrap recycling programs that are regular and ongoing to at least 85% of the Commonwealth's population; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) report to the General Assembly stated "the CDRA requires manufacturer programs to provide recycling access to 85 percent of the population; however, the landfill ban prohibiting the landfilling of covered devices applies to 100 percent of the population. These provisions in the CDRA result in a confounding situation for citizens that may have limited or no opportunities for recycling but are faced with a landfill ban on the material they wish to discard."; and

WHEREAS, once manufacturers have met their weight based-performance standard (goal), which in a number of cases is midway through the year, they no longer provide financial support to continue their collection programs, thus shifting management costs to cash-strapped local governments; and

WHEREAS, the shifting of management costs issue is exacerbated by the fact that electronics sold today weigh much less than the obsolete CRT devices that make up approximately 70 to 80 percent of the weight of e-scrap generated; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 PADEP report to the General Assembly stated "Televisions and computer monitors that contain cathode ray tubes (CRTs) are especially problematic for recycling due to the leaded glass in the CRTs, absence of low-cost recycling technology, and limited number of CRT processors."; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 PADEP report to the General Assembly stated “Nevertheless, the demand for opportunities to recycle old televisions continues to be high. ... As of August 2015, 43 percent of all calls received by the statewide recycling hotline pertained to access issues for recycling of televisions.”; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 PADEP report to the General Assembly stated “After almost four years of implementation, the CDRA has not stimulated a dependable statewide infrastructure to ensure local governments, collectors, and recyclers are able to operate and provide recycling services on a continuing basis.”; and

WHEREAS, while the CDRA intended to place the burden of electronics recycling on the manufacturers of electronic devices, the CDRA substantially has failed to do so; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the lack of available electronics waste disposal facilities and programs in Cumberland County, Dickinson Township is experiencing increasing rates of improper disposal of electronics waste through roadside dumping and has incurred additional costs to collect and dispose of the improperly disposed electronics waste; and

WHEREAS, because prior available electronics waste recycling facilities and programs in Cumberland County are no longer available, the Township is incurring additional costs and space demands at the Township building to store the electronics waste it collects as a consequence of roadside dumping; and

WHEREAS, because prior available electronics waste recycling facilities and programs in Cumberland County are no longer available, electronics waste recycling is not reasonably available to the residents and businesses of the Township.

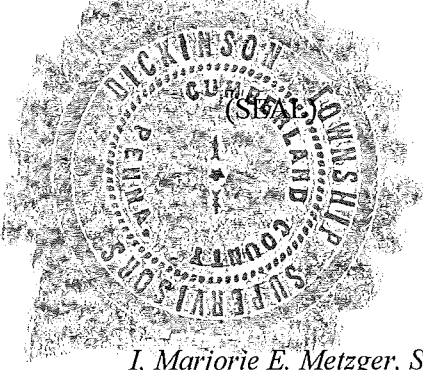
NOW, THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dickinson Township that:

1. The Township calls on state lawmakers to implement actions to create a more stable and comprehensive manufacturer-implemented electronics recycling infrastructure and to amend the CDRA to (i) provide for year-round collection of electronics waste in a manner consistent with convenience standards relevant to both rural and urban populations and (ii) to alleviate the immediate financial pressures faced by local governments such as the Township.
2. The Township Secretary shall forward copies of this Resolution to all Cumberland County state legislators and the Honorable Chris Ross (prime sponsor of the CDRA).

This the 21st day of March 2016.

ATTEST:

Marjorie E. Metzger
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Township Secretary



TOWNSHIP OF DICKINSON

By: J.R. Barrett
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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

By: Thomas Imholte
Thomas Imholte, Supervisor

By: Dennis Straub
Dennis Straub, Supervisor

I, Marjorie E. Metzger, Secretary for Dickinson Township, do hereby attest that the foregoing Resolution No. 2016-4 was voted upon and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors on the 21st day of March, 2016.

Marjorie E. Metzger