

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PAPER BAG FEE IN CHEMUNG COUNTY

By: Manchester

Seconded by:

WHEREAS, in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the New York State budget banned the use of certain types of plastic bags effective March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Budget also authorized local governments to impose a \$0.05 cent fee on paper carryout bags; and

WHEREAS, the paper bag fee cannot be imposed unless a local government opts into the fee; and

WHEREAS, the Chemung County Legislature does not wish to increase the cost of living for residents of the county by mandating a fee on residents at a rate of \$0.05 per paper bag and will continue to support the use of reusable bags; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Budget Committee have recommended that the Chemung County Legislature pass a Resolution opposing a mandatory paper bag fee in Chemung County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chemung County Legislature shall not impose a new tax on paper carryout bags, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Chemung County Legislature shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Senate Minority Leader John Flanagan, Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie, Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples Stokes, Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay, Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend, and Assemblyman Philip A. Palmesano.