

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-9**

**BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN  
COUNTY OF BUCKS, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A Resolution to Reduce the Distribution of  
Single-Use Plastics in Doylestown Borough**

**WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that people have the right to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic values of the environment; that Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come, and that as a trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people; and,

**WHEREAS**, Doylestown Borough Council and Environmental Advisory Council have determined that the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of and visitors to Doylestown Borough will be served by reducing the distribution of single-use, carry out plastic bags and straws within the Borough of Doylestown; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania law prohibits municipalities from enacting bans on single-use plastics until June 2020.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the reasons stated above, that Doylestown Borough Council encourages businesses, residents, and visitors to voluntarily participate in reducing the distribution of single-use plastic bags and straws; and,

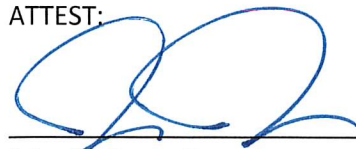
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Doylestown Borough Council encourages the Doylestown Borough Environmental Advisory Council and other volunteers to educate and inform Borough businesses, residents, and visitors about the need for voluntary single-use plastic reduction in advance of June 2020, when the moratorium on plastic bans by municipalities is due to end; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Doylestown Borough Council supports the timely end to the state moratorium preventing municipal bans on single-use plastics and supports state legislation reducing the distribution of single-use plastics throughout the Commonwealth; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Doylestown Borough Council encourages citizens to contact their state senators and representatives to demand an end to the moratorium on municipal bans on single-use plastics and to demand legislation on the state level to reduce the distribution of single-use plastics throughout the Commonwealth.

**RESOLVED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019.

ATTEST:

  
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John H. Davis, Secretary

**BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN**

  
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John J. O'Brien, Council President

**Approved** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019.

  
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Ron Strouse, Mayor