

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING SACO A ZERO WASTE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, the placement of materials in waste disposal facilities, such as landfills and incinerators wastes natural resources, transfers liabilities to future generation, and has the potential to cause damage to human health;

**WHEREAS**, avoiding the creation of waste in the first place is the most economically efficient and environmentally sustainable resource management strategy;

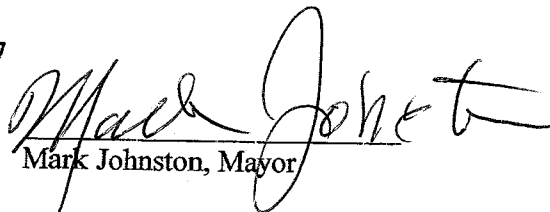
**WHEREAS**, the guiding principles of zero waste are: managing resources instead of waste, conserving natural resources through waste prevention and recycling, turning discarded resources into jobs and new products instead of trash, promoting products and materials that are durable and recyclable, and discouraging products and materials that can only become trash after their use;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saco has positioned itself as an environmental leader among Maine communities by implementing an automatic trash pickup system, by utilizing a two stream curbside recycling program, by employing with the Town of Scarborough a recycling educator, by joining with neighboring communities to provide three household hazardous waste disposal days per year for the residents of the four participating communities, by completing many projects to conserve electricity, by being the first community in Maine to obtain a small portion of its electricity from its own wind turbine, and by signing the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACO, MAINE**

The City of Saco hereby encourages the pursuit of Zero Waste as a long-term goal in order to eliminate waste and pollution. The City will study and implement strategies to achieve this goal. The City hereby establishes an intermediate goal of reducing its residential waste stream by 75% by 2010.

ADOPTED this        day of                    2007

  
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