

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRODUCER TAKE BACK OF CATHODE RAY TUBES, ELECTRONICS, & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS**

*Whereas*, discarded electronic products, including computer monitors, televisions, computers and others, are an increasing problem for Massachusetts cities & towns, who have to deal with more than 75,000 tons of electronic waste each year, which is expected to increase to over 300,000 tons each year; and

*Whereas*, discarded electronic products contain lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polyvinyl chloride, brominated flame retardant and other toxic materials that can pose hazards to human health and the environment when landfilled or incinerated; and

*Whereas*, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on April 1, 2000, because of the toxicity of this waste, prohibited the disposal of discarded cathode ray tubes (CRT's), such as those found in televisions and computer monitors, in municipal landfills or incinerators, which has increased local government costs for recycling discarded CRT's; and,

*Whereas*, Massachusetts residents generate an estimated 6 pounds per year of household hazardous products, such as paint, septic cleaners, pesticides, fingernail polish, and shoe polish, and Massachusetts cities & towns spend thousands of dollars each year for collection events to divert these household hazardous products from disposal; and

*Whereas*, the costs incurred by Massachusetts cities and towns for disposal of products that contain toxics and are not easily recyclable, particularly electronic products and household hazardous products, are in effect unfunded mandates imposed by the producers of such products on local taxpayers; which takes funds away from other needed local government programs, such as schools, fire protection, emergency services, and police; and

*Whereas*, the Massachusetts *Beyond 2000 Solid Waste Master Plan* adopted December 20, 2000, commits the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to develop a Product Stewardship Policy that will encourage or require producers to take greater responsibility for the costs of disposing of their discarded products, but this needed state policy has not yet been adopted; and

*Whereas*, Producer Take Back requirements, which have been adopted in many countries across the world, will shift the burden of disposal costs for electronic and household products from local taxpayers back to the producers, internalizing these costs and giving a market incentive to design products that are durable, less toxic and recyclable; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_:

1. Calls on its State Representative and State Senator to support passage of *An Act to Require Producer Responsibility for Collection and Recycling of Discarded Electronic Products*; and
2. Calls on the Legislature to develop and support legislation to require Producer Take Back for all consumer electronics products, computers, and household hazardous products; and
3. Calls on Governor Mitt Romney to support the Electronic Product Producer Responsibility Bill, to adopt a statewide Producer Take Back policy, and to adopt statewide procurement guidelines to require vendors who provide products to state and local government to take back discarded electronics and household hazardous products.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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# **The 162 Cities and Towns (so far) who have adopted the**

**Producer Take Back Resolution (as of 8/16/2005) supporting the Computer Take Back Bill**

***Total population represented: over 3,535,417 – more than 55.68% of the state population!***

<b><u>CITY/TOWN</u></b>	<b><u>ADOPTED</u></b>	<b><u>CITY/TOWN</u></b>	<b><u>ADOPTED</u></b>	<b><u>CITY/TOWN</u></b>	<b><u>ADOPTED</u></b>
1. Acton	2/25/02	55. Hingham	11/06/01	109.QUINCY	1/22/02
2. AMESBURY	2/10/03	56. Holden	6/17/02	110.Reading	11/27/01
3. Amherst	6/17/02	57. Holliston	2/24/03	111.Rehoboth	6/3/02
4. Arlington	2/24/03	58. HOLYOKE	6/18/02	112.REVERE	3/4/02
5. Athol	8/16/05	59. Hopedale	2/28/02	113.Rockland	4/1/02
6. Ayer	7/10/02	60. Hudson	6/17/02	114.Rockport	11/25/03
7. Becket	11/07/01	61. Hull	1/20/03	115.Royalston	11/4/03
8. Belchertown	4/11/05	62. Huntington	2/19/03	116.Rutland	3/28/05
9. Belmont	7/9/02	63. Ipswich	10/22/01	117.SALEM	6/13/02
10. Berkley	11/4/03	64. Lancaster	3/21/05	118.Salisbury	3/28/05
11. Berlin	2/18/03	65. LAWRENCE	7/16/02	119.Sandwich	11/08/01
12. BEVERLY	7/1/02	66. Lee	4/15/02	120.Saugus	11/27/01
13. Billerica	5/13/03	67. Lenox	2/26/03	121.Savoy	2/17/03
14. Blandford	5/11/03	68. LEOMINSTER	2/11/02	122.Scituate	6/4/02
15. BOSTON	12/6/01	69. Leverett	2/19/03	123.Sharon	5/28/02
16. Braintree	4/22/02	70. Longmeadow	11/13/01	124.Sheffield	7/15/02
17. Bridgewater	3/29/05	71. LOWELL	12/10/03	125.Sherborn	10/16/01
18. Brimfield	3/25/02	72. LYNN	4/23/01	126.Shrewsbury	12/1/03
19. Brookfield	6/18/02	73. Marion	10/23/01	127.Shutesbury	4/2/02
20. Brookline	1/8/02	74. Marblehead	2/11/03	128.Somerset	7/10/02
21. Buckland	11/13/01	75. Marshfield	8/15/02	129.SOMERVILLE	6/27/02
22. Burlington	3/12/03	76. Maynard	1/14/03	130.Southbridge	9/8/03
23. CAMBRIDGE	4/8/02	77. MEDFORD	12/4/01	131.Southwick	4/1/02
24. Carlisle	4/22/03	78. Middlefield	11/3/03	132.Spencer	1/28/02
25. Charlemont	10/15/01	79. Middleton	3/11/03	133.Sterling	3/14/02
26. Chelsea	4/11/05	80. Milford	6/17/02	134.Stockbridge	3/14/05
27. Charlton	11/21/01	81. Millis	7/25/02	135.Stoneham	3/11/03
28. Clarksburg	11/12/03	82. Millville	2/25/02	136.Stoughton	3/12/02
29. Cohasset	10/16/01	83. Milton	2/26/02	137.Sudbury	11/18/03
30. Colrain	3/4/02	84. Monson	2/28/02	138.Sutton	2/18/03
31. Conway	6/3/02	85. Montague	2/24/03	139.Swampscott	2/26/02
32. Cummington	6/13/02	86. Monterey	2/24/03	140.Swansea	2/19/02
33. Dalton	3/11/02	87. Mount Washington	6/10/02	141.Templeton	1/12/04
34. Dennis	2/25/03	88. Nantucket	2/19/03	142.Tewksbury	10/29/01
35. Dartmouth	12/3/01	89. Natick	6/26/02	143.Tolland	3/4/02
36. Dighton	2/20/02	90. New Ashford	6/3/02	144.Topsfield	6/17/02
37. Dudley	11/19/01	91. NEW BEDFORD	5/7/02	145.Tyringham	7/8/02
38. Dunstable	11/10/03	92. New Braintree	3/28/05	146.Townsend	10/30/01
39. Duxbury	6/25/02	93. New Salem	10/15/01	147.Truro	3/5/03
40. East Brookfield	6/17/02	94. NEWTON	11/19/01	148.Upton	5/29/05
41. Eastham	11/03/03	95. North Andover	10/23/01	149.WALTHAM	5/12/03
42. Egremont	11/19/01	96. North Reading	11/17/03	150.Ware	6/11/02
43. Erving	12/7/01	97. Northborough	6/19/02	151.Webster	4/7/03
44. Fairhaven	2/25/02	98. Oakham	11/14/03	152.Wendell	10/24/01
45. Falmouth	3/26/02	99. Orange	2/13/02	153.West Bridgewater	11/06/01
46. Florida	3/21/05	100.Orleans	3/11/03	154.West Tisbury	10/29/01
47. Freetown	11/05/01	101.Otis	8/13/02	155.Westport	10/15/01
48. Gill	3/21/05	102.Oxford	5/16/02	156.Westwood	10/22/01
49. Gloucester	3/18/03	103.Palmer	2/20/02	157.Whately	5/14/02
50. Greenfield	6/25/02	104.PEABODY	5/17/02	158.Wilbraham	2/25/02
51. Halifax	10/17/01	105.Plymouth	6/11/02	159.Wilmington	11/10/03
52. Hanover	7/30/02	106.Plympton	12/22/03	160. WOBURN	2/6/03
53. Harwich	3/4/03	107.Princeton	11/17/03	161. WORCESTER	10/16/01
54. HAVERHILL	10/16/01	108.Provincetown	6/10/02	162. Wrentham	3/12/02