

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE-CONTAINING PRODUCTS IN WEED ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held at the Town Courthouse, 23 Plattekill Ave., in New Paltz, New York, in said Town on the 18th day of October, 2018, at 7 o'clock P.M., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bettez, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member David Brownstein	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____

The following resolution was offered by Council Member _____ who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member _____, to wit:

WHEREAS, glyphosate and other herbicide and pesticide garden and landscape products have the potential to contaminate drinking wells through the groundwater and runoff;

WHEREAS, homeowners are responsible for testing their own individual water supply wells for a variety of contaminants;

WHEREAS, federal agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, have delayed a determination of the safety of glyphosate and the World Health Organization has deemed glyphosate a probable human carcinogen;

WHEREAS, alternative methods of weed eradication including organic methods were proven to be effective prior to 1974 when glyphosate-containing Roundup was first sold commercially;

WHEREAS, Town of New Paltz municipal properties and public school grounds are not currently being maintained with the use of glyphosate-containing herbicides;

WHEREAS, glyphosate has been identified as a possible cause of serious medical conditions such as non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma;

WHEREAS, there is documented evidence that glyphosate adversely impacts honeybee populations, native pollinator species such as bats, soil fauna and other wildlife;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, that beginning on the effective date of this resolution, that the Town will implement a public information campaign promoting herbicides and practices that have been demonstrated to be environmentally benign;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board (EnCB) will prepare information to educate Town residents and businesses about the municipality’s decision to not apply glyphosate products on municipal property and public school grounds; highlighting the documented public health and ecological impacts of using lawn care products containing glyphosate, promoting the efficacy of non-chemical methods of grass and weed eradication;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz Planning Board and the EnCB shall notify all developers engaged in clearing vegetation from parcels about the resolution promoting alternatives to the use of glyphosate-containing herbicides, requesting their use by the development community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz shall notify all private landscapers servicing clients in the New Paltz area about the Town’s resolution promoting alternatives to glyphosate-containing herbicides, requesting their use of environmentally preferable products and practices for managing weeds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz will encourage local retailers to participate in this effort by providing a greater diversity of commercial herbicide products that are environmentally preferable to glyphosate;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution becomes effective immediately upon approval by the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz and shall continue until the Town Board decides further action.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member David Brownstein	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.