



Proclamation
Declaring the month of July 2022
PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION MONTH
in the Town of New London, NH

WHEREAS: The Town of New London strives to be a leader in sustainability and passed resolutions in March 2020 and 2022 calling for a town-wide, voluntary reduction of the use and distribution of single-use plastics; and

WHEREAS: The Town of New London wishes to conserve resources, minimize waste, reduce greenhouse gas, emission, and other pollution, and protect the welfare of our residents and wildlife, all of which contribute to the quality of life in New London; and

WHEREAS: Plastic produces significant pollution, poses health risks at all stages from fossil fuel extraction to production to deterioration, and enters our surface and groundwater supplies as microplastic to contaminate drinking water and food chains; and

WHEREAS: Substantial amounts of plastic continue to increase in landfills because plastic can take up to 500 years to deteriorate and less than 9% of plastic ever gets recycled; and

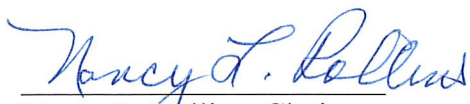
WHEREAS: Significant tax increases for average taxpayers are expected to occur due to the ever-increasing costs of plastic waste transport and landfill costs for New London residents; and

WHEREAS: New London residents and businesses have access to many cost-effective alternatives to single-use plastic, including cloth bags, paper cups and plates, reusable water bottles, silicone storage bags, and compostable containers; and

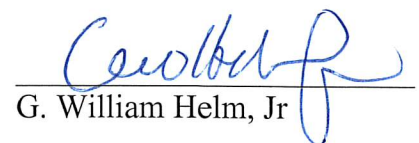
WHEREAS: It is the intent of the Town of New London to reduce the negative impacts of plastic noted above, as well as to join with the international effort to reduce pollution and health risks related to plastic.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved the New London Board of Selectmen hereby proclaims July 2022 to be Plastic Pollution Reduction Month in the Town of New London, New Hampshire.

Adopted by the Town of New London Board of Selectmen this 9th day of June 2022.


Nancy L. Rollins, Chairman


Janet R. Kidder


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