

REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION

Resolution # 2011-02

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 217,350,000 plastic carryout bags are used in the Regional Solid Waste Association (RSWA) cities of Del Mar, Encinitas, Escondido, National City, Poway, Solana Beach and Vista; and,

WHEREAS, in the United States, less than 5 percent of plastic bags are recycled; and,

WHEREAS, plastic bags create litter problems on streets, beaches, and the marine environment; and,

WHEREAS, the RSWA member cities have set solid waste reduction and recycling goals, and implemented programs to encourage composting, waste reduction and recycling at businesses, residences, construction and demolition sites, and multifamily complexes; and

WHEREAS, reusable bags contribute towards environmental sustainability over single-use plastic and paper single-use bags; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Solid Waste Association joins other jurisdictions in the County of San Diego, as well as the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation in urging shoppers to forego single-use plastic and paper bags in favor of reusable tote bags to recognize "***A Day Without A Bag***".

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Regional Solid Waste Association that RSWA supports efforts to rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle to prevent unnecessary waste and does hereby declare December 15th as a "***A Day Without A Bag***" in our communities.

I hereby certify that this resolution was approved by the Regional Solid Waste Association Board of Directors on October 20, 2011 by a unanimous vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.



Ron Morrison

Chairman – Regional Solid Waste Association