

**RESOLUTION 15-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIALANTIC, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING AN INITIATIVE TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN SUPPORT OF A CLEAN AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Town of Indialantic is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment which supports an environmentally sound, clean and healthy community; and

**WHEREAS**, an environmentally sound clean and healthy community is vital to the quality of life in the Town of Indialantic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Indialantic recognizes that the beaches and the Atlantic Ocean are a primary natural habitat for sea turtles; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific studies demonstrate sea turtles are ingesting plastic bags, which look like jelly fish underwater, at an alarming rate; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic bags reportedly litter the landscape and beaches, pollute the ocean and lagoon, kill or injure an estimated one million or more sea turtles, seabirds and other wildlife annually, pollute the environment for generations, take 500-1000 years to decompose and, if ignored, create permanent damage to the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Indialantic supports efforts by the Surfrider Foundation and the Sea Turtle Preservation Society to reduce the use of plastic shopping bags in the Town of Indialantic; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative encourages the replacement of plastic bags with reusable bags and serves as evidence of the Town of Indialantic's commitment to the sustainability of the planet and to provide an environmental model for other municipalities across the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIALANTIC does hereby urge all citizens and business owners to voluntarily participate in this initiative to reduce the use of plastic bags through the use of reusable, compostable and/or recyclable materials in merchant bags.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on the 10th day of June, 2015.

TOWN OF INDIALANTIC

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David Berkman  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Eaton, CMC  
Town Clerk