A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR COLORADO SB 20-010 CONCERNING A REPEAL OF THE PROHIBITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF PLASTICS

WHEREAS, Plastic litter, especially disposable, single-use plastics (e.g. bags, food containers, straws) has become an increasing problem in Colorado’s cities and towns and a cause of concern to local residents; and

WHEREAS, awareness has grown surrounding the local environmental impact of these products, local governments across the state have begun taking steps to reduce or remove them from the local waste stream; and

WHEREAS, current state law (CRS 25-17-104) limits local government capacity to set reasonable limits on single-use plastics in our municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this undermines our ability to respond effectively to the interests of our constituents in a manner that is consistent with the long-term goals and values of our community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has always embraced a proud tradition of local control and respect for Home Rule authority; and

WHEREAS, SB 20-010 does not restrict the use of any plastic products in Colorado. It simply repeals an outdated preemption from state statute and restores the ability of local governments to make decisions on behalf of the general welfare of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to reserve the right to make such decisions on behalf of the voters of Snowmass Village in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Snowmass Village, Colorado:

That the Town of Snowmass Village hereby respectfully requests a “yes” vote on SB 20-010 and supports this important piece of state legislation.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED as amended by the Town Council of the Town of Snowmass Village, Colorado, on the 3rd day of February 2020 with a motion made by Council Member ________ and seconded by Council Member ________ and by a vote of __ in favor to __ opposed.

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE

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MARKEY BUTLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

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RHONDA B. COXON, Town Clerk