RESOLUTION 2013-66

CREATING A ZERO WASTE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan in March of 1995 and has updated that Plan every five years since its adoption, and as a result of the policies and programs encouraged by the Plan the County has experienced a decrease in the amount of waste deposited in the DeKalb County Landfill and an increase in recycling; and

WHEREAS, among the program goals set forth in the Solid Waste Management Plan is to focus on source reduction, recycling, and reuse options; and

WHEREAS, “Zero Waste” is a guiding principle that seeks to reuse resources to minimize waste sent to landfills, restructure and redesign products and processes to minimize harmful discharges into land, water and air, work with industries, businesses, and communities to reduce, reuse, and recycle all forms of waste, and encourage the efficient and sustainable use of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, adopting “Zero Waste” as a guiding principle within the DeKalb County Solid Waste Management Plan will have implications for, among other things, programs, processes, resource allocation, coordination with other units of local government, finances, and waste management within DeKalb County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

The DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the creation of a Zero Waste Task Force (ZWTF) to undertake consideration of adopting Zero Waste as a guiding principle within the DeKalb County Solid Waste Management Plan and, if the Task Force recommends that Zero Waste should be adopted, identify and evaluate the goals, objectives, policies, programs, tasks and costs associated with implementing a Zero Waste approach to waste management within the County. The ZWTF shall consist of 13 members, two (2) from the County Board, three (3) being municipal elected or appointed officials, one (1) representing local businesses, two (2) being DeKalb County residents, one (1) representing the waste industry, two (2) representing educators, of which one shall represent Northern Illinois University, and two (2) from the County Health Department, said representatives being appointed by the Chairman of the DeKalb County Board, with input from the Board of Health, and final approval of the County Board. The County Health Department shall be agency to organize and coordinate meetings of the ZWTF. The ZWTF shall oversee the production of a report on its efforts, findings, conclusions and recommendations, said report to be completed not later than
August 31, 2014. Professional assistance may be retained by the ZWTF for the writing of the report. The final report shall be presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee of the County Board for consideration by the County Board as a whole.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013, A.D.

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Chairman, DeKalb County Board

ATTEST:

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County Clerk