

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

To request the RI Board to consider requiring the General Secretary to add an Environmental Impact Statement to proposed enactments at the Council on Legislation

Proposed by the Rotary Club of Commack-Kings Park, New York, USA.

Endorsed by District 7255 USA.

WHEREAS, each proposed enactment at the Council on Legislation sets forth a Financial Impact Statement composed by the RI General Secretary to advise Council Representatives of the anticipated financial costs associated with the topic of the proposed enactment; and

WHEREAS, Rotary as an organization has become keenly aware of environmental issues which affect our world, both human-made and natural; and

WHEREAS, Rotary has an intrinsic obligation to protect the world's ecology as part of its overall mission to do good in the world, for as Past RI President Barry Rassin stated, "As a humanitarian organization, we're obligated to talk about [the environment]. We need to have the conversation."; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation has recently demonstrated its concern for our environment with the addition of a 7th Avenue of Service within which Rotary clubs and districts are encouraged to participate; and

WHEREAS, while many activities of Rotary are ecologically neutral, some activities of Rotary have a direct or an indirect effect on the environment and it would be beneficial to concerned Representatives to the Council on Legislation to be made aware of such influences

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors consider requiring the General Secretary to add an Environment Impact Statement to each proposed enactment considered at the Council on Legislation, in addition to and similar in form to the Financial Impact Statements that the General Secretary currently provides. This Environmental Impact Statement shall consider, but not be limited to, the effect of programs and policies on sustainability, climate change, greenhouse gasses, the rise in sea level, erosion, the use of fossil fuels, carbon emissions, over-population, waste of food and natural resources and promotion of alternative energy sources.

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PROPOSER'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The resolution seeks to have an Environmental Impact Statement added to each proposed enactment considered by the representatives to the triennial Council on Legislation. This resolution will heighten the awareness and understanding of representatives to the Council on Legislation of potential ecological issues, so that they may consider the environmental impact that a proposed enactment will generate while they consider the merits of each piece of legislation.

If implemented, this resolution will shift RI's programming and procedures towards more environmentally friendly and efficient methods and goals. While there would be some financial expense in having proposed enactments analyzed for environment impact and a report made thereof, the added expense is justified in terms of Rotary fulfilling its obligations towards sustaining and supporting the environment in all countries and geographic areas where Rotary provides service. Some of this cost may be ameliorated by having the General Secretary utilize the Rotary Action Groups that focus on the environment provide the required analysis and content.

Resolution Endorsement

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This will certify that the Commack-Kings Park Rotary Club endorses the proposed Resolution for the RI Council on Resolutions drafted by PDG David Ardam requesting the RI Board to require that the General Secretary prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for all proposed Enactments considered at the RI Council on Legislation.

Sincerely,

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