

1 RESOLUTION R-2008-98

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL DECLARING
3 LONGMONT A ZERO WASTE COMMUNITY AND ENCOURAGING THE PURSUIT OF
4 ZERO WASTE

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6 WHEREAS, an estimated 38,000 tons of waste is generated in the City of Longmont
7 (“City”) each year by residents and approximately 73% of this amount is sent for landfill
8 disposal; and

9 WHEREAS, although more than 27% of the waste generated in the City is being recycled
10 higher levels of recycling and reuse can be achieved; and

11 WHEREAS, the improper disposal of materials wastes natural resources, transfers
12 environmental and financial liabilities to future generations, increases the release of Greenhouse
13 Gases (“GHG”), and has the potential to cause damage to human health both now and in the
14 future; and

15 WHEREAS, avoiding the creation of waste or discards in the first place is the most
16 economically efficient and environmentally sustainable resource management strategy; and

17 WHEREAS, a resource recovery-based economy will create and sustain more productive
18 and meaningful jobs than a disposal-based economy; and

19 WHEREAS, with the appropriate economic incentives, manufacturers can and will
20 produce and businesses will sell products that are durable and repairable and that can be safely
21 recycled back into the marketplace or nature; and