

# Kean recalls fight to pass New Jersey recycling mandate in 1987

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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — Twenty-five years after signing a bill mandating recycling in New Jersey, former Gov. Thomas Kean recalled how the measure was approved and why it is equally important today.

Kean said the legislation to enforce recycling — which was enacted in April 1987 — was the first of its kind in the country and was not welcomed by many residents and business owners when it first was being discussed.

“It wasn’t a hot thing,” Kean said after the Celebrating 25 years of New Jersey’s Recycling event Tuesday at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. “It took a few years to get that bill through.”

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