

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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**A Resolution Formally Supporting a Reinstatement of the Single Use Plastic Bag Ban on
Campus**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

September 13th, 2021

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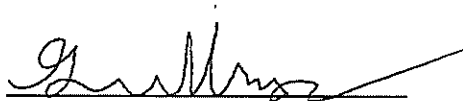
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September 13th, 2021

Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for the presentation to
the president of the Undergraduate Student Government

September 20th, 2021

Approved by the president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and so order into effect.



Gabriel Wagner
Speaker of the Senate



Alexander Chiarelott
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

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In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,

1. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student voice
2. at Bowling Green State University; and

3. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government
4. aim to ensure all student voices are represented within the Senate; and

5. **Whereas**, BGSU's Climate Action Plan strives to achieve carbon-neutrality by 2040 through
6. the reduction of emissions, waste reduction & resource conservation, and awareness and
7. Education; and

8. **Whereas**, Plastic bags take multiple centuries to decompose in landfills or as pollutants in
9. the environment, and are not commonly recycled; and

10. **Whereas**, When it first went into effect in 2018 it was favored by members of the
11. Environmental Action Group (EAG), USG, and the BGSU student body; and

12. **Whereas**, In 2020, the CDC guidelines prohibited the use of reusable bags, thus bringing
13. back the return of single-use plastic bags; and

14. **Whereas**, With Covid-19 restrictions being lifted, we can now safely reinstate the plastic bag
15. ban with the support of EAG, USG, and the BGSU student body; and

16. **Whereas**, Sustainable alternatives such as reusable bags are already readily sold on campus
17. for \$1.00 and can be purchased using Falcon Dollars, BG1 Bucks, or cash; and

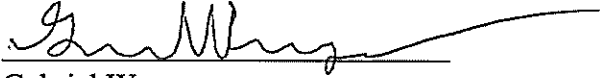
18. **Whereas**, In mid-September, BGSU Dining agreed to start phasing out the purchase and
19. distribution of single-use plastic bags; and

20. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government will continue to search for and support the
21. most sustainable and environmentally conscious bag on campus;

22. **Therefore let it be resolved**, USG, EAG, and the BGSU student body support the permanent
23. ban of the distribution of single-use plastic bags on BGSU's campus

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Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.



Gabriel Wagner
Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.



Alexander Chiarelott
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.

Alexander Chiarelott
President of the Undergraduate Student Government