

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

## S.R. 2018/2019 – 01

**A Resolution Supporting the Ban of Plastic Bags in Bowling Green State University**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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

April 16th, 2018

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



Paul Garbarino  
Speaker of the Senate



Hannah Cubberley  
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
2. voice 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 education,
7. awareness and outreach; 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**, Members of the Environmental Action Group (EAG) have repeatedly lobbied to
11. the body of USG for resolutions and legislation to be passed supporting waste reduction
12. efforts, including plastic bag reductions and distribution bans; and
  
13. **Whereas**, EAG has lead grassroots efforts to gather hundreds of student signatures on a
14. petition to ban the distribution of plastic bags on campus; and
  
15. **Whereas**, the President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (PACS) is charged with
16. implementing the Climate Action Plan through initiatives such as these and supports this
17. initiative; and
  
18. **Whereas**, sustainable alternatives such as reusable bags are already readily sold on campus;
19. And
  
20. **Whereas**, education and incentivization of the use of reusable bags are to be a joint initiative
21. of members of EAG, PACS, USG and The Office of Sustainability
  
22. **Whereas**, recycled paper bags are similar in cost and have less of a carbon footprint than
23. plastic bags and other alternatives exist that could be phased in to replace plastic
  
24. **Therefore, let it be resolved that**, the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling
25. Green State University supports a ban of the distribution of plastic bags on BGSU's
26. campus.

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



Paul Garbarino  
Speaker of the Senate

*I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.*



Hannah Cubberley  
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

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

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Hannah Cubberley  
President of the Undergraduate Student Government