THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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

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
In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,

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

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

3. Whereas, BGSU’s Climate Action Plan strives to achieve carbon-neutrality by 2040 through the reduction of emissions, waste reduction & resource conservation, and education, awareness and outreach; and

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

5. Whereas, Members of the Environmental Action Group (EAG) have repeatedly lobbied to the body of USG for resolutions and legislation to be passed supporting waste reduction efforts, including plastic bag reductions and distribution bans; and

6. Whereas, EAG has lead grassroots efforts to gather hundreds of student signatures on a petition to ban the distribution of plastic bags on campus; and

7. Whereas, the President’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability (PACS) is charged with implementing the Climate Action Plan though initiatives such as these and supports this initiative; and

8. Whereas, sustainable alternatives such as reusable bags are already readily sold on campus; and

9. Whereas, education and incentivization of the use of reusable bags are to be a joint initiative of members of EAG, PACS, USG and The Office of Sustainability

10. Whereas, recycled paper bags are similar in cost and have less of a carbon footprint than plastic bags and other alternatives exist that could be phased in to replace plastic

Therefore, let it be resolved that, the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling Green State University supports a ban of the distribution of plastic bags on BGSU’s campus.
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Passes by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.

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Paul Garbarino
Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.

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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