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A RESOLUTION ASKING THE UNIVERSITY TO ELIMINATE SINGLE USE PLASTIC

Whereas, the mission of Notre Dame's Office of Sustainability „ strives to be a leader in sustainable operations, education and research, and a role model for responsible citizenship,,

Whereas, Notre Dame's approach to environmental stewardship and sustainability is based in its Catholic mission, appreciating the link between environmental sustainability and the future of God's creation;

Whereas, the Office of Sustainability comprehensive sustainability strategy includes„ Decreas[ing] unnecessary individual water bottle use on campus,, and„ Increasing single-stream recycling rate to approach the overall University 2030 waste diversion goal of 67%,,

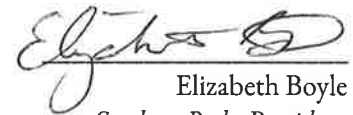
Whereas, The American Chemistry Council estimates that the average consumer uses 166 plastic water bottles each year and that 2.5 million plastic bottles are thrown away every hour and that sales and captive use of major plastic resins totaled 7.7 billion pounds during October 2019, an increase of 5.5 percent from the same month one year earlier

Whereas, peer institutions are taking action to eliminate single-use plastic on their campuses (Vanderbilt University has eliminated single use water bottles and is piloting reusable to-go containers, Princeton is piloting a reusable silverware campaign, Purdue University eliminated plastic straws, etc.)

Whereas, Notre Dame provides single-use plastic containers, water bottles, and bags in Grab 'n Go, Duncan Student Center, the Bookstore, and many other locations,

Whereas, Notre Dame has begun the process of phasing out single use plastic through the use of Ozzi containers and distributing plastic water bottles,

Resolved, the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac calls for the University to eliminate the sale and provision of all single-use plastics across campus.



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