

RESOLUTION No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY], FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVES BY LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN FLORIDA TO LESSEN THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS ON OUR ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, _____ is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that supports the tourism industry which is so vital to the economy of the [Name of Municipality] and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags are detrimental because they do not fully degrade in our oceans or land environment and they introduce unsafe chemicals into our environment; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags create the potential for death of (land) and marine animals through entanglement and ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the expansive usage of single-use shopping bags and their typical disposal rates creates an impediment to the City's waste reduction and recycling goals while creating unsightly litter; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags are difficult to recycle and frequently contaminate material that is processed through the City's curbside recycling and composting programs; and

WHEREAS, reusable bags are considered to be the best option to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges that some businesses have taken affirmative steps to accomplish this goal and recognizes their proactive efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Council to encourage and enable the location of a viable reusable bag manufacturing operation in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Florida Legislature to provide statewide deregulation of the proliferation of single-use shopping bags; and

WHEREAS, if the State does not act to regulate the proliferation of single-use shopping bags the Council would like to potentially enact regulations governing the use of plastic checkout bags;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF [LOCAL MUNICIPALITY], FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. [Name of Municipality] is committed to the long-term goal of reducing the harms of plastic pollution on our fragile environment and committed to ensuring a thriving, attractive and safe environment for current and future residents and tourists.

SECTION 2. [Name of Municipality] does hereby support initiatives to lessen the

negative impact of single-use plastic bags specifically, and supports the promotion of reusable shopping bags as the best alternative to single-use plastic or single-use paper bags.

SECTION 3. [Name of Municipality] supports the State Legislature’s action to allow local municipalities in the State of Florida to regulate their own local communities in an effort to alleviate the harms cause by single-use shopping bags; and, therefore, [Name of Municipality] opposes any statewide preemption on local efforts to determine the best course of action with regards to protection of the local environment and tourism economy.

Adopted this ___ day of _____. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

[Name], Mayor

ATTEST:

[Name], City Manager