

Introduced by: Council Member Christine Hoffman

Adopted: February 20, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 1972-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING INITIATIVES IN FLORIDA TO LESSEN THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF PLASTIC BAGS ON OUR ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville Beach is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that supports the tourism industry which is vital to the economy of the City of Jacksonville Beach, and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags are detrimental to the environment because they do not fully degrade in our oceans or on land; and

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

WHEREAS, the expansive use of plastic single-use shopping bags and their typical disposal create an impediment to waste reduction and recycling goals, cause unsightly litter and harm to the environment; and

WHEREAS, reusable bags are considered to be the best option to reduce waste and litter caused by plastic single-use shopping bags, and to protect wildlife and conserve resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

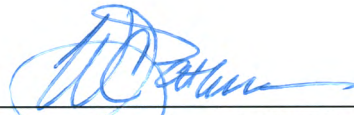
SECTION 1. The City of Jacksonville Beach is committed to the long-term goal of reducing plastic pollution to protect marine life and the environment for residents and tourists.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Jacksonville Beach supports initiatives to lessen the negative impact of single-use plastic bags, and supports the promotion of reusable

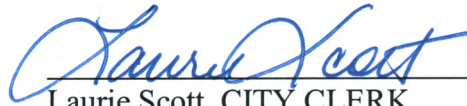
shopping bags as the best alternative to single-use plastic or single-use paper bags.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Jacksonville Beach encourages and supports the State Legislature to allow local municipalities in the State of Florida to regulate their own local communities in an effort to alleviate the harm caused by plastic shopping bags; and therefore, the City of Jacksonville Beach opposes any statewide preemption on local efforts to determine the best course of action with regards to protection of the local environment and the tourism industry.

ADOPTED this 20th day of February. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.



William C. Latham , MAYOR



Laurie Scott, CITY CLERK