

RESOLUTION NUMBER 235-2016

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S EFFORTS TO AMEND SECTION 403.7033, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO PROVIDE FOR LOCAL REGULATION OF PLASTIC BAGS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, FOR THE REPEAL OF SAID STATUTORY SECTION SO THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE NO LONGER PREEMPTED FROM ENACTING LEGISLATION REGULATING PLASTIC BAGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Ocean Breeze is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that supports the tourism industry which is so vital to the economy of Martin County 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 Town'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 Town's curbside recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, replacing single use bags with reusable bags is considered a quick and easy way to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources; and

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best public interest for the Florida Legislature to provide for the local regulation of single-use shopping bags.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE, FLORIDA, that:**

**SECTION 1:** The Town Council hereby declares its support of an amendment to Section 403.7033, *Florida Statutes*, which amendment would provide for local regulation of plastic bags under the State's proposed guidelines.

**SECTION 2:** Alternatively, the Town Council requests that the Florida Legislature repeal Section 403.7033, *Florida Statutes*, so that local governments may enact and enforce legislation regarding the use and disposal of plastic bags.

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**SECTION 3:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

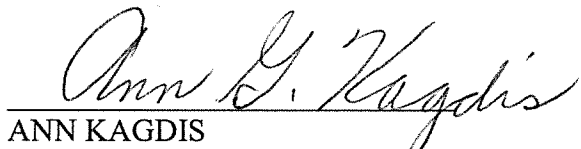
Council Member Bodie offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member De Angeles and upon being put to a roll call vote, was as follows.

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
ANN KAGDIS, PRESIDENT	X			
KENNETH DE ANGELES, VICE-PRESIDENT	X			
JERRY COLLINS, COUNCIL MEMBER	X			
EARLENE CAIRNS, COUNCIL MEMBER	X			
ROBERT BODIE, COUNCIL MEMBER	X			
BEATRICE MILLETTE, COUNCIL MEMBER	X			


Adopted this 8th day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
PAM ORR  
TOWN CLERK

  
ANN KAGDIS  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
WILLIAM F. CRARY, II  
TOWN ATTORNEY

  
DAVID MYERS  
MAYOR