

CORRECTED
RESOLUTION No. 15-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING INITIATIVES BY
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN FLORIDA TO LESSEN THE
NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS ON OUR
ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, Leon County is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that supports the tourism industry which is so vital to the economy of Leon 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 County'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 County's curbside recycling program; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners 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 Board of County Commissioners 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

Board of County Commissioners would like to potentially enact regulations governing the use of plastic checkout bags;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, that:

SECTION 1. Leon County 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.

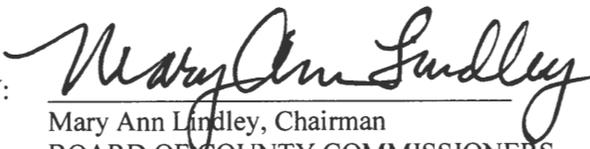
SECTION 2. Leon County does hereby support initiatives to lessen the negative impact of single-use plastic bags specifically, and supports the promotion of reusable shopping bags as the best alternative to single-use plastic or single-use paper bags.

SECTION 3. Leon County 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, Leon County 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.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, on this the 10 day of March, 2015.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA



BY: 
Mary Ann Lindley, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER
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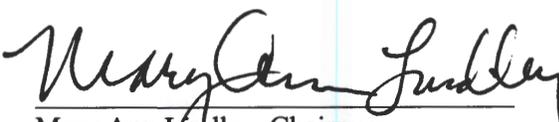
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