

Resolution to Ban Plastic Straws in the Cities and Counties Represented by the Suwannee-St. Johns Group Sierra Club

WHEREAS, the Suwannee-St. Johns Group Sierra Club, an organization representing the following counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, SW Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Suwannee, and Union, declares that it is in the interest of the public to reduce litter and pollutants on the land and in the waters; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 8 million metric tons of plastic waste ends up in the world's oceans every year and the quantity of plastic waste available to enter our oceans is anticipated to increase exponentially if we do not change our current supply, demand, and waste management strategies; and

WHEREAS, 44 local governments in Florida have supported or passed resolutions banning or regulating single use plastics; and

WHEREAS, residents and tourists generated nearly two tons of waste per resident in 2016; and

WHEREAS, 500 Million plastic straws are used each day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, straws and stirrers are the 5th most common plastics found in ocean cleanups; and

The Suwannee-St. Johns Group Sierra Club calls for the ban on plastic straws in the 14 counties that we represent.

We ask all Cities and Counties in the 14 counties that we represent to pass a ban on plastic straws. Alachua, Baker, Bradford, SW Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Suwannee, and Union Counties

Suwannee-St. Johns Group Sierra Club, Executive Committee.

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