

RESOLUTION NO. 170386

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, to adopt a definition of Zero Waste, and set of Zero Waste principles to conserve natural resources.

WHEREAS, the concept of zero waste goes beyond recycling and composting at the end of a product's life cycle, to encompass the entire life cycle of a product, beginning with product design, and envisioning the use and management of materials in ways that preserve value, minimize environmental impacts, and conserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, materials management through zero waste can begin to shift the fiscal burden of waste and empower industry to embrace resource responsibility by rewarding stewardship through purchasing and economic development incentives; and

WHEREAS, while industry and the federal government have variously defined and categorized zero waste strategies, it behooves the nation's cities, with primary responsibility for waste management, to devise a definition that encourages shared fiscal responsibility and legislative innovations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the United States Conference of Mayors adopts a definition of Zero Waste, and set of Zero Waste principles that recognizes a Hierarchy of Material Management.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2018.

Lauren Poe, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Omichele Gainey, Clerk of the Commission

Nicolle Shalley, City Attorney