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3 **A Resolution Advocating for the Reduction of Waste at Internal and External LSA Student**
4 **Government Events and LSA Student Government Funded Events**

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6 *A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government*

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8 24 February 2016

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10 Sponsors: Charlie Callis, Sam Kennedy, and Patrick Mullan-Koufopoulos

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12 **Whereas**, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter
13 LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic
14 and non- academic life”; and,

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16 **Whereas**, sustainability and conservation awareness continue to be prevalent issues around the world and
17 on the University of Michigan’s Ann Arbor campus; and,

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19 **Whereas**, it is our responsibility as the governing body of the College of LSA to ensure that we are doing
20 our part to reduce our ecological footprint; and,

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22 **Whereas**, due to lack of knowledge, items that can be recycled often end up in the trash or items that
23 cannot be recycled contaminate recycling streams; and,

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25 **Whereas**, LSA SG holds and provides funding for numerous events throughout the year that use copious
26 amounts of disposable cutlery, generate lots of food waste, and result in the disposal of many other items;
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29 **Whereas**, many Budget Allocation Committee (hereafter BAC) applications contain sections for funding
30 involving the serving of food; and,

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32 **Whereas**, there are [grants](#) from the Student Sustainability Initiative (hereafter SSI) at the University of
33 Michigan and [programs](#) from Planet Blue that provide funding and infrastructure for zero waste events.

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35 **Be it therefore resolved**, LSA SG will take sustainability into account when holding internal events,
36 external events, and when allocating funding; and,

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38 **Be it further resolved**, LSA SG will seek out and encourage zero waste events from SSI grants and
39 Planet Blue programs for internal, external, and funded events; and,

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41 **Be it further resolved**, when not feasible, LSA SG and will seek out and encourage other ways to reduce,
42 reuse, and recycle waste, especially for events that involve the serving of food; and,

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44 **Be it finally resolved**, LSA SG’s Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee
45 will create a guide to reduce waste for events that will be made available to all on the LSA SG website
46 and will be sent to all BAC applicants when applicable.