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Sponsors: Senator Shealyn Leedy, President Brendan Trachsel, and NAU Green Jacks

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Ban the Sale of Single-Use Plastic Bottles at the Northern Arizona University Campus

Whereas, The sale and production of single-use plastic bottles ultimately contribute to environmental harm in the form of ocean water pollution, climate change, air pollution, and the production of non-biodegradable substances;

Whereas, Single-use plastic water bottles promote the privatization of water and overall relay a message that clean water is a privilege and is only accessible when bought at a high price;

Whereas, NAU’s Sustainability Action Plan aims to “achieve a 25% reduction goal”¹, in addition to making a commitment to being a carbon-neutral campus by 2030²;

Whereas, The City of Flagstaff adopted a Major Plan Amendment on climate change and climate action to the Flagstaff 2030 Regional Plan. Essentially they amended this plan for more evident transparency to the community, demonstrating the City of Flagstaff’s climate action goals³;

Whereas, Students have historically been in support of reducing plastic pollution, as seen in the Climate Action Plan commitment and in the Straw Free Flagstaff campaign, which banned single-use plastic grocery bags and single-use straws on campus⁴;

Whereas, Northern Arizona University, through Sodexo, has a program to diminish the use of single-use plastic, called O2Go, which will reduce landfill waste produced on campus⁵;

Whereas, More can be done to reduce overall plastic waste on Northern Arizona University’s campus, and eliminating the sale of single-use plastic bottles across campus will be a small step in the right direction;

¹ [NAU Sustainability Action Plan: Recycling and Waste Minimization](#)

² [NAU Climate Action Plan](#)

³ [Flagstaff 2030 Regional Plan](#)

⁴ [Straw Free Flagstaff](#)

⁵ [O2Go Program](#)

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University:

We ask Northern Arizona University to affirm its support for eliminating the sale of all non-essential single-use plastic bottles campus-wide.

Be It Further Resolved;

We ask that Northern Arizona University instruct all purchasing managers on campus, independent and campus related, to stop any renewal or initiating of contracts, including purchasing single-use plastic bottles from relevant vendors and companies, and

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that Northern Arizona University will not sell plastic bottled drinks in on-campus locations, including, but not limited to, convenience stores and vending machines, and will look into more sustainable alternatives, including aluminum cans or glass bottles, and

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that the Undergraduate Student Government believes Northern Arizona University has the potential and responsibility to be a leader in sustainable practices and that going single-use plastic bottle free is an essential step in this process.

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ASNAU Senate Chair

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