Residence Hall Association

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**A Resolution Supporting Dining Services’ Adoption of the Cool Food Pledge**

**WHEREAS** the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students at the University of Maryland (UMD), and

**WHEREAS** RHA has priority influence regarding issues within the Department of

Dining Services through the Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB), and

**WHEREAS** RHA is committed to sustainability on-campus, and

**WHEREAS** student awareness of the Cool Food Pledge helps to meet UMD’s goal of reducing carbon emissions, and

**WHEREAS** the Cool Food Pledge requires UMD, the first university in the world to join the pledge, to reduce the carbon footprint by pledging to cut food-related greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2030, and

**WHEREAS** the Cool Food Pledge challenges Dining Services to develop plans for serving more climate-friendly food, like plant-based foods, while meeting other dining-related targets associated with nutrition, financial performance, number of diners, etc., and

**WHEREAS** the Cool Food Pledge creates a network of organizations committed to increasing sustainable diets, where signatories may share experiences and learn from others,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that RHA support Dining Services’ adoption of the Cool Food Pledge.

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