Residence Hall Association

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**A Resolution Supporting the Ocean Friendly Campus Campaign**

**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 creating a more environmentally-friendly campus for its students, and

**WHEREAS** RHA has repeatedly supported the UMD’s goal to expand the collection of compostable waste materials, particularly in food service areas and at major events, and

**WHEREAS** single-use plastics, such as bags and straws, often enter local waterways that connect to the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean, where they are mistaken as food by marine wildlife, and

**WHEREAS** Dining Services has launched the Ocean Friendly Campus Campaign to increase the use of compostable utensils and paper straws and eliminate the use of plastic bags, and

**WHEREAS** the Anytime Dining Program has already eliminated all single-use disposable packaging in the dining halls, and

**WHEREAS** campus shops and cafes have replaced plastic straws, bags, stirrers, and cutlery with paper and compostable alternatives,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that RHA support Dining Services’ launch of the Ocean Friendly Campus Campaign.

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