

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018 AS “NO STRAW  
NOVEMBER” IN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

WHEREAS, an estimated 500 million straws are used and discarded every day in the United States, which is enough to wrap around the Earth two and a half times;

WHEREAS, single-use plastic is a particularly harmful form of pollution and, upon disposal, remains in the environment indefinitely, harming wildlife, impacting water quality, and marring the aesthetic character of the environment;

WHEREAS, plastic does not biodegrade in the environment, but instead breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces called microplastics, which are increasingly showing up in drinking water and the tissues of aquatic animals with potentially dangerous human and environmental health impacts;

WHEREAS, single-use plastic pollution presents a danger to public health by increasing the pathogens and chemicals in waterways and lowering water quality, requiring significant resources to address;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro celebrates America Recycles Day, November 15, 2018 to promote stewardship of its natural resources, and plastics such as straws make up a large portion of the debris removed;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro wishes to support the efforts of local nonprofit groups, schools, and businesses that have pledged a commitment to *No Straw November* during the month of November 2018 and encourages businesses and restaurants to provide straws only upon request and to seek reusable or alternatives to plastic straws;

WHEREAS, the public is encouraged to refuse plastic straws when they are not desired and encourage local businesses they patronize to minimize plastic straw waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it hereby recognizes the month of November 2018 as *No Straw November* in the City of Greensboro.