

## Senate Resolution 946

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Tolleson of the 20th, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the month of October as Plastic Awareness Month in the State of Georgia; and
- 2 for other purposes.
  
- 3 WHEREAS, less than 10 percent of all plastics produced ever get recycled, and the rest sits  
4 in our landfills for hundreds of years, contaminating our land and waterways with toxins and  
5 phthalates; and
  
- 6 WHEREAS, the average person in the United States uses between 500 and 1,200 single use  
7 plastic bags each year, which collectively is enough to circumnavigate the Earth 776 times,  
8 and less than 5 percent of those bags ever get recycled; and
  
- 9 WHEREAS, most community recycling centers are unable to sell all seven types of plastic,  
10 resulting in several types being discarded in our landfills; and
  
- 11 WHEREAS, current environmental curricula fail to educate students and the greater  
12 communities on which types of plastics to avoid due to a lack of acceptance within most  
13 recycling environments; and
  
- 14 WHEREAS, the continued use of single-use plastic water bottles is an unwise use of  
15 resources, and the average annual usage in the United States exceeds 250 bottles per person;  
16 and
  
- 17 WHEREAS, we are learning more and more every day about the chemicals used to produce  
18 plastic and their harmful effects on our communities and our environment; and
  
- 19 WHEREAS, increased recycling and awareness provide a positive incentive to our  
20 community via more jobs, and on a per-ton basis, sorting and processing recyclables alone  
21 sustain ten times more jobs than land-filling or incineration; and

22 WHEREAS, composting creates four jobs for every one created via land-filling or  
23 incineration; and

24 WHEREAS, many community and national organizations, such as One More Generation, are  
25 working hard to help communities understand the effects of our continued use of these  
26 products and are providing solutions designed to correct the problem.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize the month of October as Plastic Awareness Month in the State of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.