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Introduced by **Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**  
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**A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROHIBITION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS IN ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES**

**WHEREAS**, single-use plastic refers to disposable plastic products commonly used for packaging and includes items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away or recycled, such as but are not limited to grocery bags, food packaging containers and bags, *polyethylene terephthalate* (PET)/water bottles, straws, stirrers, Styrofoam, cups, sachets, and plastic cutlery;

**WHEREAS**, half of all plastic produced are designed to be used only once and end up as a major contributor to ocean pollution that endangers marine life over time;

**WHEREAS**, according to recent estimates, 79% of the plastic waste produced now sits in landfills, dumps or in the environment, while about 12% has been incinerated and only 9% has been recycled;

**WHEREAS**, dependence of Filipinos on plastic products is revealed in a 2019 report by the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA) showing that Filipinos use more than 163 million plastic sachet packets, 48 million shopping bags, and 45 million thin film bags daily;

**WHEREAS**, unless a concerted effort to dramatically reduce the production and disposal of single use plastic items, the destruction of Mother Earth is inevitable;

**WHEREAS**, the government plays a crucial role in protecting and advancing the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology yet remains to be a contributor to the plastic problem;

**WHEREAS**, countless PET/water bottles, cups, plastic cutlery, Styrofoam, stirrers, straws and other single-use plastic products are served and used during meetings/ hearings and other day-to-day government activities;

**WHEREAS**, some departments of government, agencies, bureaus, instrumentalities, or government-owned and controlled corporations have

already adopted policies banning single-use plastics, such as plastic bags, straws, cups, plates spoon and forks, polystyrene containers, and similar items;

**WHEREAS**, use of reusable containers, tumblers, mugs, and/or other eco-friendly alternatives shall be promoted;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that all departments of government, agencies, bureaus instrumentalities, or government-owned and controlled corporations are urged to adopt policies prohibiting the use of single-use plastics in their respective government offices and promote the use of reusable containers, tumblers, mugs and/or eco-friendly food packs to help protect our environment.

Adopted,



**ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**