



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Staff Council at Carnegie Mellon University, ("Staff Council") wishes to support the Strategic Plan 2025 ("Strategic Plan") Value for Sustainability, the Staff Council Sustainability Committee, green practices on campus, and the Carnegie Mellon University ("Carnegie Mellon") community; and

WHEREAS, Carnegie Mellon has recognized its responsibility, through the Strategic Plan, to protect the natural environment, economy, and the health of its campus community; and

WHEREAS, expanded polystyrene foam ("EPS"), commonly referred to as "styrofoam," is an environmental pollutant that is commonly used as food packaging brought into the university from vendors, faculty, staff and students; and

WHEREAS, due to the physical properties of EPS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") states "such materials can have serious impacts upon human health, wildlife, and aquatic environment, and the economy"; and

WHEREAS, EPS packaging and food service ware cannot be recycled through the Carnegie Mellon recycling collection program and is otherwise difficult or impossible to recycle, and not compostable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 13TH day of APRIL, 2017, that the 2016-2017, Staff Council, strongly encourages the Carnegie Mellon community to eliminate the use of EPS, used or brought to campus in any form, including food packaging containers. Compostable or recyclable disposable packaging and food service ware are a safe, more ecologically sound alternative.

Attested:

Staff Council Carnegie Mellon University

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Cann", written over a horizontal line.

George Cann, Secretary

Resources:

Ordinances - <http://www.surfrider.org/pages/polystyrene-ordinances> .

Information - <http://www.beachapedia.org/Polystyrene> .