



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Proclamation 31-06

A Proclamation Commending the Installation of a Consumer Composting Bin in the Tate Student Center

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WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability in coordination with the Associate Director of Food Services and the Sustainability Coordinator for UGA Housing have put in action the plan to install a consumer compost bin in the Tate eating area.”; and,

WHEREAS, nearly 40% of food is wasted in the United States¹; and,

WHEREAS, each residential college student is estimated to produce 141.75 pounds of waste per year²; and,

¹ National Resources Defense Council - <https://www.nrdc.org/resources/wasted-how-america-losing-40-percent-its-food-farm-fork-landfill>

² National Public Radio - <https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2015/02/27/389284061/when-food-is-too-good-to-waste-college-kids-pick-up-the-scrap>

WHEREAS, the “The University’s campuses strive to serve as living laboratories providing tangible examples to others in the pursuit of economic security, ecological integrity, and social wellbeing”³; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia has the power to instill long term sustainable habits in its student body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, commends the Office of Sustainability, the Associate Director of Food Services, and the Sustainability Coordinator for UGA Housing for their plans to install a consumer composting pilot program in the Tate Student Center.

³ UGA Sustainability Office -<http://sustainability.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/UGA-Sustainability-Plan-Fall-2015.pdf>