



The State University of New York
Student Assembly

Resolution 1516-118
Sustainability Committee

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TO: General Assembly
FROM: Zachary Beaudoin, Chair of Sustainability
DATE: April 16th 2016
SUBJECT: Research and Development

Action Requested

We request that the New York provide research and development grants for SUNY campuses to study the Great Lakes and other polluted water sources and develop ways to restore them to their pristine natural state.

Resolution

I recommend that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNYSA) adopt the following resolution:

Whereas Lake Erie is the fourth largest Great Lake and the 11th largest on the planet; and

Whereas Lake Erie is surrounded by industries that have inevitably polluted that lake to the point that it was known nationally for the pollution; and

Whereas Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, and the St. Lawrence River make up 80% of New York's fresh water; and

Whereas recently, a professor from SUNY Fredonia found plastic pollution to be a big problem in Lake Erie and through her research was able to get a Federal ban on microbeads; and

Whereas there are a lot of initiatives to try and clean up New York water sources many being Nongovernmental Organizations; and

Whereas if more money was provided for research, SUNY could take a more active role in protecting our lakes, watersheds, and natural resources; and therefore, be it

Resolved that we call on New York State to provide more money for research and development in order to clean up, protect, and revitalize our lakes and water sources; and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

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