



**RESOLUTION 1516-61**

**TO: Members of the General Assembly**  
**FROM: Zachary Beaudoin, Chair of Sustainability**  
**DATE: April 16th 2016**  
**SUBJECT: No food waste**

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**Action Requested**

We request that the State University of New York donate all edible food to local food banks and charities in an effort to eliminate food waste.

**Resolution**

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

Whereas according to the federal bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act 1996 by President Bill Clinton, all liability is waived if food is donated to “needy” individuals; and

Whereas according to the Hunger Action Network of New York, 2.3 million people rely on emergency food assistance annually; and

Whereas often times SUNY dining facilities throw away edible food that can be donated to food banks; and

Whereas many campuses exist within or near a food desert\*; and

Whereas by donating leftover food instead of throwing it out, SUNY campuses will be further assisting the communities they inhabit; and therefore, be it

Resolved that we call on SUNY campuses to donate all edible leftover food to food pantries or nonprofits that assist those in need; 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, SUNY Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs Sally Crimmins Villela, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

\*The USDA defines food desert as parts of the country void of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other healthful whole foods, usually found in impoverished areas. This is largely due to a lack of grocery stores, farmers' markets, and healthy food providers.