

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Memorializes the 2019 session of the Nevada legislature to enact legislation to encourage the use of reusable bags by imposing a tax of ten cents per plastic bag used.

WHEREAS, The use of single-use carryout bags in retail stores can be detrimental to the environment; and

WHEREAS, Plastic bags are often difficult to recycle and inevitably end up in landfills, drain systems, rivers, and neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS, The production of the plastic bags requires the use of oil and natural gas, which are nonrenewable resources; and

WHEREAS, The cost for clean up in cities will be significantly reduced; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 270 passed in San Jose, California to establish a single-use plastic bag tax that brought a plastic litter reduction of 89% in drain systems, 60% in rivers, and 59% in neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 67, a statute that prohibits grocery and other stores from providing customers single-use plastic or paper carryout bags, brought savings of \$100,00 for avoiding plastic bag cleanup costs; and

WHEREAS, the European Parliament passed a directive to reduce plastic bag use by 50% by 2017 and 80% by 2019 which has allowed the plastic bag consumption to slow down by 7.6 billion to 0.6 billion within six months; therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on June 30, 2017 that the 2019 Session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to encourage the use of reusable bags by imposing a tax of ten cents per plastic bag used.