A Resolution Urging the Department of Resident Life to Update the
Fall Move-In List to Include Reusable Bags
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WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus
students at the University of Maryland, College Park, and

WHEREAS the University of Maryland, College Park is ranked among the country’s greenest
campuses by the Sierra Club\(^i\) and The Princeton Review\(^ii\), and

WHEREAS the University of Maryland has outlined goals to encourage sustainability by
modeling positive behaviors in on-campus life\(^iii\), and

WHEREAS the University has also committed to increasing awareness around waste
minimization efforts\(^iv\), and

WHEREAS a coalition between the Department of Dining Services, the Student Government
Association (SGA), and RHA has demonstrated support for on-campus use of reusable bags and
their sale in Dining Services convenience shops, and

WHEREAS the Department of Dining Services and the RHA have worked to promote the use of
reusable bags in on-campus convenience shops, and

WHEREAS the Fall Move-In checklist is an influential guide for incoming residents and their
families,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA Senate strongly urges the Department of
Resident Life to include “One reusable or canvas grocery bag” as a new item on the Fall Move-In
checklist, effective Fall 2016.

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\(^i\) Sierra Club Cool Schools 2014 Ranking  
\(^ii\) The Princeton Review Green Honor Roll 2016  
\(^iii\) Education for Sustainability Work Group Report 2014  
\(^iv\) University Strategic Plan 2008