



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT SYSTEM FOR BEVERAGE CONTAINERS IN TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees is largely responsible for the management of waste and refuse along the 32 mile expanse of the Galveston Island coast; and

WHEREAS, Galveston Island relies heavily upon the influx of visitors to the island for the generation of businesses, jobs, tax revenues and the health of the general economy; and

WHEREAS, tourism depends heavily upon a clean and pristine environment, free of refuse and litter; and

WHEREAS, beverage containers and packaging make up approximately 31% of America's waste stream, and reducing beverage container waste would save local and state taxpayers clean-up cost; and

WHEREAS, beverage container waste is a major source of pollution in the bayous, waterways, roadways, and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, beverage container recycling refund systems provide consumers with a financial incentive to recycle beverage containers; and

WHEREAS, states implementing beverage container recycling refund systems typically experience 75% collection rates; and

WHEREAS, beverage container recycling refund systems create recycling industry and infrastructure growth by increasing the collection, hauling, processing, of recyclable materials,


WHEREAS, the use of recyclables rather than virgin materials in production will decrease greenhouse gas emissions, energy and water consumption, and foreign oil dependency; and

WHEREAS, PTA's, scouts, and other non-profits may benefit from container drives; and

WHEREAS, it is shown that a deposit refund systems compliment existing curbside recycling efforts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE SIGNED AND APPROVED

THIS 9th day of October, 2012.

By: 
Dr. Craig Brown, Chairman of the Board
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Galveston, Texas 77550

