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A RESOLUTION

There are recycling programs in 42 other states with effective approaches to diverting waste from the solid waste stream. Colorado needs to reduce, reuse, and recycle! We strongly believe that recycling must be a priority in order to protect Colorado's natural resources. Recycling protects forests, saves energy, and creates jobs. Colorado's solid waste problem needs to be addressed through a combination of source reduction, reuse of materials and expanded recycling. We urge Colorado leaders and decisionmakers to make recycling a top priority for the state by supporting these critical measures.

**WHEREAS** the diversion of solid waste from landfills through recycling, source reduction, and other strategies is important to the conservation of resources and the preservation of the environment; and

**WHEREAS** diversion goals encourage recycling and source reduction and 42 other states have diversion/recycling goals; and

**WHEREAS** at least one half of the operating landfills across the state are predicted to close due to the inability to comply with federal health and safety laws and landfill management will cost taxpayers millions of dollars over the next decade; and

**WHEREAS** the expansion of recycling in Colorado will benefit both the environment and the economy through the conservation of resources and an increase in tax revenue for the state; and

**WHEREAS** the University of Colorado could benefit directly and indirectly from the technical and financial assistance that recycling legislation would stimulate.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, **THAT:**

**Section 1:** The UCSU Legislative Council supports statewide recycling legislation and calls upon our state officials to adopt the following policies:

. Government "Buy Recycled" Policies

Government agencies should develop expanded "Buy Recycled" policies, including materials in addition to paper, as a means to encourage the use and manufacturing of recycled products, thereby creating new markets for recycled materials.

. End Use Markets in Colorado

State and local economic development activities should be increased to encourage business to locate in Colorado to use post-consumer products and to create new products.

.Use of Recycled Content in Products

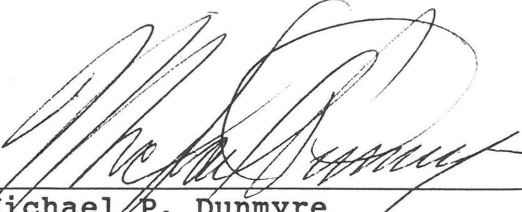
Packaging should be reduced to the minimum necessary, and, where practical, be reused. Remaining packaging should include recycled content. Trash companies should support recycled content standards for packaging.

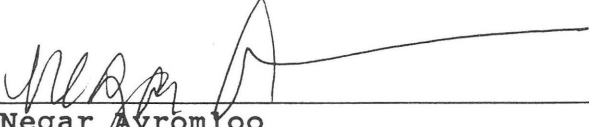
.Increase Collection of Recyclable Materials

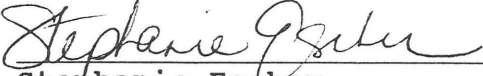
Colorado should establish statewide goals for recycling and diversion of solid waste. Collection programs should also be expanded to increase the amount of materials available for recycling.

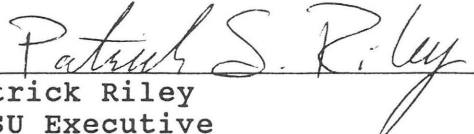
**Section 2:** This resolution takes effect upon passage.

10/28/93 - Passes - Legislative Council - 1st Reading - Acclamation  
10/28/93 - Passes as amended - Legislative Council - 2nd Reading - Accl.

  
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