Bottled Water Policy

Moved By: Senator Miller  Seconded By: Senator Hofland

Whereas the Bemidji State University Student Association (BSUSA) Student Senate is the official voice of the students; and

Whereas Environmental Stewardship is one of three signature themes of Bemidji State University; and

Whereas the production and distribution of bottled water is an unsustainable industry; and

Whereas Bemidji State University students, faculty, and staff spend approximately $15,000 each year on bottled water; and

Whereas Bemidji State University should not invest in the bottled water industry’s attempt to deny the basic human right to have access to clean drinking water; and

Whereas the City of Bemidji Consumer Confidence Report of 2013 states that no contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards.

Therefore be it resolved that Bemidji State University eliminate plain, unflavored bottled water beverage sales from campus, with Chet Anderson Stadium being exempt from this bill due to lack of running water; and

Therefore be it further resolved that this policy is reflected in the new Dining Services Contract beginning Fall 2016.

First Reading: 1/21/2015  
Second Reading: 1/28/15  

Result: 19-0-0  
Date: 2/04/2014