

3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **S08RS**

5 **SGR No. 22**

6 **BY: SENATORS BOYD & GRAHAM**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

8 **TO URGE AND REQUEST THE OFFICE OF FACILITY AND UTILITY OPERATIONS TO**  
9 **AVOID THE USE OF CYPRESS MULCH FOR CAMPUS LANDSCAPING**

10 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, CYPRESS SWAMPS HARVESTED FOR MULCH ARE  
11 VALUABLE NATURAL PROTECTION FOR COASTAL COMMUNITIES  
12 FROM STORM SURGE AND FLOODING; AND,

13 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, CYPRESS TREES HARVESTED PROVIDE OLD GROWTH  
14 HABITAT FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE AND PROVIDE HABITAT THAT  
15 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL RELY ON EVERY YEAR FOR FOOD AND  
16 SHELTER DURING TRANSCONTINENTAL MIGRATIONS ; AND,

17 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, SIMILAR HARVESTING OF CYPRESS TREES FROM THE  
18 FLORIDA EVERGLADES HAS CAUSED IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE TO  
19 THE STATE’S CYPRESS FOREST; AND,

20 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE GOVERNOR’S SCIENCE WORKING GROUP REPORT  
21 HAS CONCLUDED THAT MANY CYPRESS SWAMPS WILL NOT  
22 REGENERATE ONCE CUT DOWN; AND,

23 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, LSU, AS THE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE,  
24 HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SET PRECEDENT FOR COASTAL  
25 CONSERVATION AND WETLAND RESTORATION OF THE GULF  
26 COAST.

27 **PARAGRAPH 6:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT  
28 GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
29 AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE  
30 URGE AND REQUEST THE OFFICE OF FACILITY AND UTILITY  
31 OPERATIONS TO AVOID THE USE OF CYPRESS MULCH FOR CAMPUS  
32 LANDSCAPING; AND,

33 **PARAGRAPH 7:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A SUITABLE COPY OF THIS  
34 RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO JEFFERY NOEL, DIRECTOR OF  
35 CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT, AND BOBBY PITRE, EXECUTIVE  
36 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FACILITY AND UTILITY OPERATIONS,  
37 IN A TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE MANNER.

38 **PARAGRAPH 8:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A  
39 MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND  
40 SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR  
41 PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND  
42 SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF  
43 SUCH APPROVAL.