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A STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH FOOD LEFT AFTER CATERED EVENTS MAY BE DONATED TO CHARITY RATHER THAN DISCARDED

WHEREAS DAKA Corporation (herein referred to as "Dining Services"), through Northeastern University, caters events on the Northeastern Campus after which there are often large amounts of left-over food which are discarded and consequently wasted, AND

WHEREAS Northeastern University and its student body hold a strong commitment to community service, AND

WHEREAS Organizations exist through which left-over food can be saved and given to people who are unable to feed themselves or their families at no cost or inconvenience to the University or Dining Services, AND

WHEREAS Two such organizations are the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans which is a non-profit veterans' support and advocacy group that feeds more than five hundred people on an average day based in Boston, Massachusetts, and The Boston Living Center, a non-profit organization which provides meals for people living with HIV and AIDS, AND

WHEREAS These non-profit organizations rely heavily upon the generosity of institutions such as Northeastern, AND

WHEREAS Both organizations are part of the Good Samaritan Clause of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 94, Section 328, which exempts from civil liabilities any company or institution that donates food to charity in good faith, AND

WHEREAS According to the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1976, there is an allowable tax deduction for donated products, THUS BE IT

RESOLVED That an arrangement be made between Northeastern University Dining Services and both the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans and the Boston Living Center which enables Northeastern University to curb its food waste while helping to feed many needy people and families in Boston, AND BE IT FURTHER

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RESOLVED That this arrangement include but not be limited to Dining Services contacting the these organizations on a alternating basis when there is a substantial amount of left-over food from a catered event so it may be collected by the organizations' on-call pick-up service, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED That copies of any records of donations kept for tax or other purposes by Dining Services be given to the Student Government Association.

Respectfully submitted with the approval of the Administration and Student Services Committees,

Daniel E. Bernal
Vice President for Administration

Date: October 28, 1997

Vote: Yea 20
Nay 0
Abstain 0

Attest: Daniel E. Bernal
VP FOR ADMINISTRATION

Katy Reid
PRESIDENT