

**RES #:** SEN-13-07

**TITLE:** Resolution for Socially & Environmentally Responsible Coal Purchasing

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Whereas, The university has taken steps to become more sustainable through the Make Orange Green Campaign, and

Whereas, The University has adopted an environmental policy stating:

“The university will ensure full compliance with existing environmental laws and regulation, and will seek to lead the community to developing beneficial laws and regulations,” and

Whereas, Some of the University’s coal contractors have a history of violating the conditions of their permits in the State of Tennessee, and

Whereas, Surface mining causes ecological damage, decline in local economics, and threats to the safety and health of surrounding citizens, and

Whereas, Although there are known safety issues involved in deep-mining for coal, surface mining is more detrimental to local communities and environments.

Be it Hereby Resolved That, In order to meet its coal needs, the University shall wherever feasible purchase coal that is not surface-mined, and

Be It Hereby Further Resolved That,

1. The University shall not purchase coal from companies with substantial outstanding violations of state of federal environmental regulations and
2. Contracts shall be written so that the occurrence of such substantial violations on the part of the coal supplier is grounds for termination by the University.

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE**

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE for \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ abstentions \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

