

**As Adopted by the House**

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**H. R. No. 307**

**Representative Crawley**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Designating Plastic Pollution Awareness Day in Ohio,  
February 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to designate February 2  
15, 2020, as Plastic Pollution Awareness Day in Ohio; and 3

WHEREAS, Plastic Pollution Awareness Day in Ohio spotlights 4  
an important issue that faces not only Ohioans but also all 5  
Americans, yet widespread understanding of the risk posed to our 6  
lakes, rivers, and oceans remains incomplete. On average, each 7  
American uses five hundred plastic bags each year and the citizens 8  
of the United States use five hundred million plastic straws each 9  
day, and these single-use products have a high risk of ending up 10  
in waterways, where they can remain for years and pose a 11  
longstanding threat to wildlife; and 12

WHEREAS, Preserving our natural surroundings has never been 13  
more important to our well-being than it is today. Plastic 14  
Pollution Awareness Day in Ohio has been established as a means to 15  
educate the public on the risks such waste items pose and to 16  
encourage consumers to switch to using reusable grocery bags, 17  
water bottles, and paper, glass or stainless-steel straws at 18  
restaurants; and 19

WHEREAS, On the occasion of Plastic Pollution Awareness Day 20  
in Ohio, it is appropriate that we recognize and affirm the 21  
efforts of the numerous individuals and organizations that have 22  
given of their time and energy in support of this issue. It is 23  
through the unceasing efforts of initiatives such as this that 24  
Ohio has gained the reputation as a state which is responsive to 25  
the problems and issues facing our environment; therefore be it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 27  
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 28  
this Resolution, designate February 15, 2020, as Plastic Pollution 29  
Awareness Day in Ohio; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 31  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 32  
media of Ohio. 33