Whereas: The University of San Francisco prides itself on inclusivity and has demonstrated a commitment to a more sustainable environment by opening an Office of Sustainability; and

Whereas: Students, staff, and faculty have voiced experiencing a disconnect of inclusivity with the University dining services towards vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free consumers; and

Whereas: Undergraduate students residing on campus purchase a minimum of $2,295 a semester on the school meal plan, adding up to $4,590 a year, but the lack of options for their dietary restrictions often leads to money going to waste, being that the University’s meal plan is non-refundable; and

Whereas: Undergraduate students whom exercise a vegetarian, vegan, and/or gluten free diet feel vastly limited in the options in Market Café; and

Whereas: 145 students, faculty and staff have voiced their opinions by signing an online Change.org petition urging administration and dinning services to implement such demands and needs of a vegetarian and vegan day like the Green Monday Initiative; and

Whereas: The University has made efforts to continue its commitments to a more sustainable environment and to continue to cut its impact on global warming, the California drought, and the inhumane, unethical treatment of animals raised on meat farms; and

Whereas: A 2006 United Nations report, said raising animals for food generates more greenhouse gases than all the cars, planes, and trucks in the world combined, and the revised 2009 reports shows more than 51% of greenhouse emissions are from animal farms; and

Whereas: According to Water Education Foundation, 2,464 gallons of water is used to produce a pound of meat compared to 25 gallons used for a pound of wheat; and

Whereas: Animal farms pollute our waterways with their waste, antibiotics, and hormones entering the water cycle alongside chemicals from tanneries, fertilizers, and the pesticides used to spray feed crops which severely harms rivers and stream ecosystems like that of the 1995 North Carolina Pig Factory lagoon destroying the ecosystem of the New River and being classified as the worst hog-waste spill in the state’s history sending 25 million gallons of feces and urine into the river; and

Whereas: A Harvard Medical School study found that compared to meat-eaters, vegetarians tend to consume less saturated fat and cholesterol and more vitamins C and E, dietary fiber, folic acid, potassium, magnesium and phytochemical. As a result, they are likely to have lower blood pressure, and lower body mass index, all of which are associated with longevity and a reduced risk for many chronic diseases; and

Whereas: Unlike a diet consisting of meat which excludes anyone who doesn’t eat meat, a vegetarian and vegan diet is inclusive allowing anyone to participate and enjoy the benefits it offers; therefore, be it
Resolved by ASUSF Senate of the University of San Francisco, representing all the undergraduate students of the University: That the University of San Francisco demonstrate a commitment towards a more sustainable environment through implementing a weekly Veggie Friendly Day in Market Café, beginning Spring 2017, where the food would reflect a vegetarian and vegan meal options with no options of meat available; furthermore, be it

Resolved: An educational marketing campaign be implemented in Market Café (projections on the monitors, displays on tables, etc.) that communicates the reduced carbon footprint and water consumption, as well as, the benefits of a vegetarian and vegan lifestyle.

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