

RESOLUTION 21R-24

To request the Trustees to consider overseeing the creation of a special fund called Responsible Management of Urban Waste

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Concepción, District 4851, Argentina
Rotary Club of Juan B. Alberdi, District 4851, Argentina
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1 WHEREAS, due to its longevity, plastic is one of the single greatest threats to the
2 environment, and

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4 WHEREAS, plastic causes irreversible damage to the fauna in rivers, lakes and
5 oceans, creating literal islands of plastic whose remediation is very costly for
6 governments and non-governmental organizations, and

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8 WHEREAS, discarded plastic can be reused if it is recovered sufficiently close to
9 the point at which it first enters the waste stream and converted into other non-
10 polluting products. One example of this is recycled plastic lumber, which often
11 serves as a substitute for wood in home construction. Plastic lumber helps to
12 offset the damage caused by environmentally-harmful practices associated with
13 the timber industry. Recycled plastic brick, too, uses post-consumer waste to
14 great advantage, as it provides excellent thermal insulation and may be
15 incorporated into the design of energy efficient homes (i.e., for greater savings on
16 gas and electricity, thereby decreasing the consumption of those resources), and

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18 WHEREAS, Rotary is an organization of over 35,000 clubs in more than 200
19 countries worldwide, with a membership of 1.2 million individuals. Rotarians are
20 actively engaged in every facet of society and, acting together, can make an
21 impact similar to that of the PolioPlus campaign, and

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23 WHEREAS, it is our duty to protect our environment for future generations, and

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25 WHEREAS, there is a growing awareness that the natural resources of our planet
26 are finite in nature, and

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28 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation has added a new area of focus, support for
29 the environment, and

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31 WHEREAS, Rotary's recent decisions will encourage younger Rotarians to
32 become more socially engaged and to greatly expand the boundaries of their
33 philanthropic network, thereby creating the potential for stronger strategic
34 alliances between RI and other similarly-focused organizations. Such extended
35 networking may ultimately lead RI to partner directly with state or municipal

1 governments in promoting responsible urban waste management as an official
2 policy for all communities, so that children will receive training on this subject as
3 part of their regular school curriculum. If accomplished, this will serve as a basis
4 for future projects

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6 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
7 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
8 consider overseeing the creation and management of a special fund for the
9 promotion of projects focused on responsible urban waste management, to be
10 called Responsible Management of Urban Waste.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

11 This resolution encourages clubs and districts to take concrete action in support
12 of the environment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

13 If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary
14 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent
15 on the scope and extent of support provided by The Rotary Foundation to create
16 and manage a special fund for urban waste management.