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Carroll Encourages Going Strawless for the Summer

Westminster, MD, Friday, June 29, 2018 – In light of other initiatives occurring around the country to protect the environment and reduce pollution, today, the Board of County Commissioners announced they are joining the “Strawless Summer” movement to use alternative methods to the plastic straw.

The Carroll County initiative, based on the Ocean City Maryland campaign lead by the Surfrider Foundation, is a voluntary program aimed to encourage restaurants and citizens to reduce the use of plastic straws. Citizens can join the cause by not requesting straws, not using straws, or bringing your own straw; restaurants are encouraged to participate by using alternate types of straws or offering them by request only.

Carroll County citizens can start participating in the campaign by taking the strawless summer pledge [here](#). You can see Commissioner Dennis Frazier, District 3, making his pledge [here](#).

According to the Ocean Conservancy, more than 500 million plastic straws are used daily in the United States and the National Park Service says 500 million straws would fill over 125 school buses with straws every day. That number of straws is enough to fill 46,400 buses every year.

“I am very excited to join the initiative,” said Commissioner Dennis Frazier, District 3, “The campaign is voluntary; however, I encourage everyone to research the environmental impact of plastic straws and hopefully decide they can enjoy their drinks without one. When offered a straw, just say ‘no thank you’.”

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