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RESOLUTION

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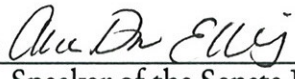
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Chair Wilkinson-Ray

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Signed: 
President Jones

Resolution in Support of Keep Local Farms

Whereas, the decreasing price of milk has strongly contributed to a statewide loss of over one hundred dairy farms in the last two years,¹ thereby jeopardizing the rural landscapes and agrarian communities that form the basis of both Vermont's identity and its economy,

Whereas, an objective of the University of Vermont Strategic Plan is to "Improve and sustain the University's role as a valued leader and partner in social and economic development in Vermont,"²

Whereas, the Keep Local Farms program aims to simultaneously educate consumers and support local dairy farmers by facilitating a direct payment back to farmers of \$0.10 per 14 oz. container or equivalent volume of milk purchased on Campus,

Be It Resolved that the Student Government Association of the University of Vermont wishes to demonstrate the University's dedication to the State's continued economic development by supporting direct payments to local farmers through the Keep Local Farms pilot under the condition that it will expand and develop beyond the University community,



Be It Further Resolved that the Student Government Association of the University of Vermont recognizes that consumers will shoulder the full cost of this program, and is therefore adamant that it receives a yearly report on the progress of the pilot including both an in-depth look at the program's cost to students and an update on the program's expansion beyond the University.

¹ Local Milk is a Keeper. (2009) Retrieved October 29, 2009, from Keep Local Farm website:
<http://www.keeplocalfarms.org/>

² University of Vermont Strategic Plan 2009-2013 (2009) Retrieved October 29, 2009, from University of Vermont Office of the President website:
http://www.uvm.edu/president/?Page=strategicplan2009_2013.html