

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS
IOWA YOUTH SYMPOSIUM
Final Resolution (2014)
Adopted on: Wednesday, October 22, 2014
Resolution created by the Economic Committee
Regarding: Consumption and Consumerism

***Acknowledging** definitions of consumption, overconsumption, consumerism, natural resources, and sustainable energy passed as amendments and inserts these clauses as amendments to our resolution today, and (essentially adds amendments B2, B3, B7, B8, and B5 from position paper to resolution)*

***Bearing in mind** that many negative effects of consumerism are inevitable in a productive economy, and*

***Recognizes** the vital support that rampant consumerism provides for the US economy and the importance, therefore, to maintain consumerism, and*

***Realizing** that consumption beyond minimal and basic needs is not necessarily negative, and*

***Recognizing** that the US is only 5% of the world's population, yet the US uses approximately 20% of the world's energy and 25% of other natural resources, and*

***Taking into consideration** that in 2009, recycling reduced waste by 34% around the world, and*

***Observing** that the United States' consumption has become a pressing issue that needs to be handled with care as to not drastically disrupt the current, which is subject to change, global economic system, and*

***Keeping in mind** that nuclear energy has resulted in the least harm to people and the environment and that is very viable as a cheap, long-term energy source, and*

***Recognizes** the main way the US is lowering waste, which is a negative effect, is through reusing and recycling already used resources, and*

***Recognizes** the inherent damaging nature of all amendments or efforts to reduce consumption because of its negative effects on current consumer-reliant systems, and*

***Encourages** member nations to place a higher priority on the research, and*

implementation of alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, and geothermal energy sources, and

***Encourages** member nations to incentivize businesses to use alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, geothermal, and nuclear energy, and*