Take Back the Tap Carleton Resolution

Whereas, Carleton College has had a long history of advocating environmental and sustainable responsibility; and
Whereas, The Carleton College Environmental Statement of Principles states that “Carleton strives to be a model of stewardship for the environment by incorporating ideals of sustainability into the operations of the college and the daily life of individuals”; and
Whereas, U.S. plastic water bottle production requires between 32 and 54 million gallons of oil, and three out of every four of those bottles end up in landfills or in an incinerator; and
Whereas, The 2010 Drinking Water Report stated that, “No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standard” and
Whereas, Public tap water is safe and is significantly more affordable and accessible, and environmentally sustainable than bottled water; and
Whereas, Universities and colleges around the country including Chico State, UC Berkeley, Sarah Lawrence, Colby College, Vassar, Smith College, Washington University, Oregon State and many others have already made efforts campus-wide to curb their bottled water use; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Carleton Student Association will not allocate Carleton Student Association funds to purchase single-serving bottles of water, be it further

Resolved, That the Carleton Student Association will encourage the utilization of refillable containers at its facilities and functions, be it further

Resolved, That the Carleton Student Association will support efforts to educate the campus community regarding the value and benefits of using Northfield water system for all its water needs.