

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Short Title: Student Solidarity Act

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WHEREAS, on January 27th, 2017 President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order, titled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States," banning nationals from Iraq, Iran, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan and Libya from entering the United States of America for 90 days; and

WHEREAS, on Feb 9th, 2017 the Ninth Circuit Court of the United States reaffirmed a nationwide stay on the aforementioned executive order, yet the current White House administration maintains a strong stance against the immigration of nationals from the seven countries listed in the aforementioned executive order; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association acknowledges the diversity of the University of Louisville (UofL) community, that includes undergraduate students, graduate students, post doctorates, faculty members, and staff, is comprised of many foreign nationals that have a positive impact on the functioning and environment of UofL; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned foreign nationals have expressed concerns over their acceptance and ability to remain in the university community; and

WHEREAS, according to the Preamble of the UofL Student Government Association Constitution it is the role of the UofL Student Government Association "to promote and protect student rights and responsibilities; to promote full cooperation among students, administration, faculty, and staff; to improve student physical, social, and cultural welfare; to safeguard the academic and individual freedoms of the students of the University of Louisville; to improve the status of students in the University community; and to promote diversity and fairness on campus and in the Student Government Association";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the UofL Student Government Association stands in solidarity with all international students, particularly those affected by the recent executive order regarding immigration into the United States.