A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, URGING NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY INCREASE FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTH, COUNSELING AND PREVENTION SERVICES IN ORDER TO INCREASE AND MAINTAIN QUALIFIED STAFF.

WHEREAS: Currently, there are three (3) full time counselors in the Office of Health, Counseling and Prevention Services, and

WHEREAS: A counselor at the Office of Health, Counseling and Prevention Services has terminated employment due to accepting a position at another higher education institution for more pay, and

WHEREAS: The Accreditation Standard set forth by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc. for an office of Health, Counseling and Prevention Services is one (1) full time counselor per one thousand (1000) students, and

WHEREAS: The current ratio for the Office of Health, Counseling and Prevention Services at Northern Kentucky University is one (1) full time counselor per approximately five thousand five hundred (5500) students, and

WHEREAS: The waiting list to be seen by a counselor at the Office of Health, Counseling and Prevention Services has, at present, over seventy (70) students to be seen, and

WHEREAS: The wait time for a student to be seen extends into spring semester 2012, and

WHEREAS: Two known suicides have occurred in the last three months among the student body.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, on this 28th day of November 2011, the Student Government Association of Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky, is urging Northern Kentucky University increase funding allocated to the Office of Health, Counseling and Prevention Services in order to increase and maintain qualified staff.

Signed:  Dustin Robinson,
President

Attest:  Jennifer Spalding,
Senator