**A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTS THAT NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY CREATE A LGBTQ CENTER AND PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO STAFF THE CENTER.**

WHEREAS: No center currently exists at Northern Kentucky University for students, faculty, and staff who identify with belonging to the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) community who are seeking support services, and

WHEREAS: According to Campus Pride’s 2010 National College Climate Survey, “Colleges and universities are failing to provide LGBTQ people with an environment that research suggests is necessary for learning and scholarship: Less than seven percent of accredited U.S. institutions of higher education offer institutional support; thirteen percent include sexual identity policy protections; and six percent include gender identity and expression policy protections. While the availability of LGBTQ services and programs have improved, far fewer institutions offer them - safe space/ally programming, LGBTQ faculty advisors and staff positions and LGBTQ student centers or facilities,” and

WHEREAS: All three candidates for the Vice President of Student Affairs position mentioned the necessity for the creation of a LGBTQ center on campus. Dr. Peter Gitau was selected as Northern Kentucky University’s next Vice President of Student Affairs whose previous institution Southern Illinois University (Carbondale), coincidentally has a LGBTQ Resource Center, and

WHEREAS: Southern Illinois University’s LGBTQ Resource Center’s mission statement reads, “The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Resource Center serves as a centrally located, safe campus space that provides educational outreach, referral information and advocacy services, which will add to an inclusive and diverse environment for LGBTQ students, faculty, staff, families, friends, alumni, and the greater southern Illinois Community,” and

WHEREAS: LGBTQ programs, centers, etc. exists at the following universities: the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, Murray State University, Western Kentucky University, Eastern Kentucky University, and Morehead State University, and

WHEREAS: The creation of a Northern Kentucky University LGBTQ center will provide a safe place where students, faculty, and staff can seek out support services and counsel.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS 1st DAY OF APRIL 2013, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTS NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY CREATE A LGBTQ CENTER AND PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO STAFF THE CENTER.**

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Erik Pederson, President

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