

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING THAT NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENT AN INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE FOR ALL STUDENTS.

WHEREAS: The Northern Kentucky University and the NKU Student Government Association (SGA) both have a strong commitment to furthering inclusive excellence, and

WHEREAS: Intolerance to any individual, regardless of race, sex, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, economic status, religion, or political affiliation, harms an individual's well-being and negatively impacts retention rates, recruitment efforts of affected demographic groups, and their ability to learn in a comfortable environment, and

WHEREAS: Within the past year, the NKU community has experienced incidents that demonstrated a lack of cultural understanding and a failure to respect differences, resulting in various demographic groups feeling disenfranchised on campus, and

WHEREAS: As a result, the event "NKUnity" was held to create community by connecting and educating students about diversity, equity, and inclusion through facilitated discussion, and


WHEREAS: Engaging diversity and practicing inclusion is a personal decision that comes from an attitude that can be acquired through reflection, education, and experience, and

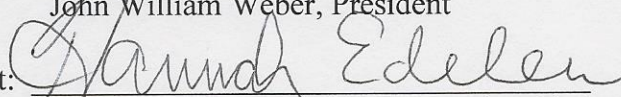
WHEREAS: The NKU SGA encourages the university to further educate students on how to identify discrimination and bias motivated behavior, how to challenge it, and identify what services and resources are available to students who have witnessed and/or are subject to discrimination and/or bias motivated behavior and, teach students how to be a catalyst for change for all members of the Northern Kentucky community, and

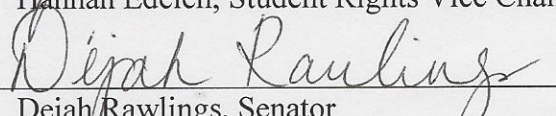
WHEREAS: This would align not only with the current goals of SGA, but would align with the 2022 Inclusive Excellence Plan under goal 3, "Foster a Diverse, Equitable and, Inclusive Campus Environment", and

WHEREAS: NKU would host the event, "NKUnity" annually during the academic year to continue with the growth and development of a more inclusive and understanding campus climate amongst students, faculty, and staff.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS THIRD DAY OF APRIL 2017 THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY REQUESTS THAT NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENT AN INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE FOR ALL STUDENTS.

Signed: 
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Attest: 
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