A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, ENDORSING A JAPANESE MAJOR PROGRAM.

WHEREAS: The necessary materials for a Japanese major program have already been acquired through the efforts of both students and professors of the current minor program allowing for a smooth implementation, and

WHEREAS: The Japanese minor has seen consistent growth for the last ten years and is currently the largest minor in the World Languages and Literatures department with 69 active students enrolled, and

WHEREAS: The Chair of the world Languages and Literatures department, Dr. Connelly, states that "based on the major/minor ratios in our French, German, and Spanish programs, we have made the conservative projection that about 35% of the Japanese minors we have will declare it as a major once we have the major in place", and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Kentucky has long held a special relationship with the country of Japan thanks in part to former Governor Martha Layne Collins' efforts to build an economic, cultural, and educational relationship with the country, and

WHEREAS: This relationship's significance has brought over 200 Japanese companies to the Commonwealth that play a role in signature industries meaning a major would not only provide graduates a career path located inside of the Commonwealth, it would also strengthen this pivotal relationship with Kentucky's leading international trade partner, and

WHEREAS: The Student Government Association is entrusted to serve as the advocate of student interest and this program is fundamental in retaining students who wish to pursue a major in Japanese who would otherwise have to settle for a minor or transfer to a university that does offer the major, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS FOURTH DAY OF MARCH 2019 THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY ENDORSES A JAPANESE MAJOR PROGRAM.

Signed:

Hannah Maria Edelen, President

Attest:

Allan Millward, Senator