

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, PROPOSING THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR NORSE VIOLENCE PREVENTION'S POST GRADUATE WORKER POSITIONS

WHEREAS: The Norse Violence Prevention Center (NVP) was established in 2014 using a campus grant from the Department of Justice's Office on Violence against Women, and

WHEREAS: Following the end of Norse Violence Prevention's grant funding, the university gathered resources to continue and expand the office, and

WHEREAS: The Norse Violence Prevention Center provides advocacy and assistance to university students who are affected by sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and stalking. Survivors can access their free confidential resources regardless of whether a survivor decides to report to the university or police. The NVP center assists survivors in identifying which choices make the most sense for them, and

WHEREAS: Norse Violence Prevention provides programming to university students and organizations that seek to educate students on various forms of interpersonal violence that include but are not limited to: sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, child neglect, and child abuse, and

WHEREAS: Norse Violence Prevention provides student advocates called "Peer Ambassadors" as a resource to provide several of NVP's prevention programming options to university students and organizations, and

WHEREAS: NKU'S current policy requires that all Greek organizations go through one annual sexual assault prevention and bystander workshop, and

WHEREAS: Norse Violence Prevention provides all students in all sections of the University 101 course with a sexual assault prevention and bystander workshop, and

WHEREAS: Norse Violence Prevention is the only on-campus organization that provides advocacy training and programming for survivors of sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct, and

WHEREAS: Currently, Norse Violence Prevention has the paid positions of Director, Advocate, and Project Coordinator, and

WHEREAS: The positions of Advocate and Project Coordinator are post-graduate positions, and

WHEREAS: The position of Director is the only one that receives institutional, continuous funding from the university, and

WHEREAS: The position of Project Coordinator is a position contracted by the Women's Crisis Center and is budgeted at \$50,000 a year, and

WHEREAS: The position of Advocate is a part-time position and receives a current salary of \$19,000 a year, and

WHEREAS: These grants, named The Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Programs, are not awarded on a yearly, renewable basis, and

WHEREAS: The grant funded positions currently housed in Norse Violence Prevention are critical in fulfilling NVP's mission to "promote a violence free campus by engaging the NKU community in innovative prevention strategies and support-centered advocacy", and

WHEREAS: We recommend that the positions of Advocate and Project Coordinator receive institutional funding so that these positions are not subject to termination at the end of the aforementioned Department of Justice grants, and

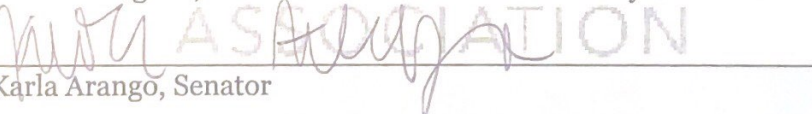
WHEREAS: Ensuring that these essential positions receive continuous funding will allow Norse Violence Prevention to keep providing advocacy training and programming at the same or increased rate, and

WHEREAS: The proliferation of Norse Violence Prevention's support-centered advocacy work for survivors to students on NKU'S campus is essential to creating a violence-free campus environment.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020 THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY PROPOSES THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR NORSE VIOLENCE PREVENTION'S POST GRADUATE WORKER POSITIONS

Signed:   
Lauren Goodwin, President, 2020-2021

Attest:   
Ronald Delgado, Chairman of the Student Advocacy Committee

Attest:   
Karla Arango, Senator