A RESOLUTION IMPLORING THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS TO PROTECT THE
UNDOCUMENTED MEMBERS OF ITS COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations states, “[t]he Student Senate shall work to build a vital and thriving University community encompassing students, faculty, staff and administration,” and “work to represent students at all levels as a part of University Governance,” and

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations further states “[t]he Student Senate shall work to represent students on university, local, state, national, and international levels to further these goals,” and

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations states, “[t]he Student Senate shall work to ensure that the learning opportunities at KU are open to all students without exception. This includes but is not limited to: race, religion, sex, gender identity and expression, color, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital or parental status, socioeconomic status and to the extent specified by law, age or veteran status,” and

WHEREAS, the University of Kansas has an undocumented student community and provides little institutional support for these students, and
WHEREAS, many students feel unsafe on campus due to recent incidents of discrimination and harassment, but undocumented students face a unique and particular threat, and

WHEREAS, the new reality of a staunchly anti-immigrant Presidential administration threatens the livelihood and access to educational experiences of undocumented individuals, and

WHEREAS, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a program that has provided critical relief from deportation for over 700,000 young people in the United States, is under threat of abolishment once the President-elect assumes office, which poses a real and immediate endangerment to undocumented students studying at the University of Kansas, and,

WHEREAS, a 2011 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) memo limits but does not fully exclude enforcement actions by ICE officers and agents on school property (https://www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/10029.2-policy.pdf), and

WHEREAS, as an institution, the measure of our commitment to diversity and belonging is not a matter of words or conversations, but rather the concrete policies put in place; addressing the plight of undocumented students at KU is a critical opportunity to demonstrate our bold aspirations for inclusion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the University of Kansas Student Senate here assembled that the KU Student Senate stands in solidarity with the undocumented community of KU, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Student Senate urges the University to retain the status of its undocumented students as citizens of the University community regardless of their legal standing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Student Senate calls upon the University to continue to extend higher education access to undocumented students and thus validate their aspirations, experiences, and achievements at KU and in the broader community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Student Senate asks that the University of Kansas refuse to comply with any future deportations or raids on campus and refuse to disclose information about students’ immigration status to any government agency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Student Senate entreats the University of Kansas administrators to immediately develop a protocol for establishing itself as a sanctuary campus for undocumented students, faculty, and staff that will protect them from intimidation, unfair investigation, and deportation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Student Senate requests that the University of Kansas designate a specific office and specific administrators who will assist our DACA and other undocumented community members on a completely confidential basis, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Student Senate asks the University of Kansas to state its support for offering in-state tuition rates to DACA students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate strongly urges the University of Kansas personnel to achieve these actions before classes resume in January, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the following entities:

Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little
Provost Neeli Bendapudi
Vice Provost for Diversity and Equity Nate Thomas
Mike Rounds, Associate Vice Provost for Human Resource Management
Ola Faucher, Director of Human Resources
The KU Office of Public Safety
The University Daily Kansan
HALO (Hispanic American Leadership Organization)
Trio
The Office of Multicultural Affairs

Stephanie Alcorn
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Gabby Naylor
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Veto