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STUDENT SENATE  
F16RS  
SGR No. 1  
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### A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST ALL LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS,  
FACULTY, AND STAFF TO REGISTER TO VOTE BY **OCTOBER 11, 2016**

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, FIFTY-EIGHT PERCENT (58%) OF ALL COLLEGE-AGED STUDENTS WERE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE IN 2014; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, VOTING IS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY ELIGIBLE CITIZEN, AND ONLY FORTY-ONE PERCENT (41%) OF COLLEGE-AGED REGISTERED VOTERS PARTICIPATED IN THE 2012 ELECTION; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THE ABILITY TO FUND HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN OUR STATE IS A PRIMARY CONCERN OF THE STUDENT BODY, AS EACH YEAR THE STATE LEGISLATURE PROPOSES FISCAL CUTS TO ITS FUNDING; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, WITHIN THE PAST NINE YEARS THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS NOT ONLY CUT THE TOPS SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE ITS INCEPTION, BUT HAS REDUCED FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT (55%) OF STATE DOLLARS ORIGINALLY COMMITTED TO HIGHER EDUCATION; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, A STUDENT'S COMMITMENT TO VOTE SHOULD BE RECIPROCATED WITH AN EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO LOUISIANA STUDENTS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, OUR COUNTRY'S YOUTH, AGE 18-29, CONSTITUTES AS NEARLY ONE FOURTH OF THE ELECTORATE AS WE PREPARE FOR AN ELECTION CYCLE THAT WILL ULTIMATELY SET FORTH IN MOTION THIS COUNTRY'S COURSE OF DIRECTION FOR YEARS TO COME; AND
- PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, THE LSU STUDENT SENATE HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH REGISTERING ALL OF ITS

MEMBERS TO CAST A VOTE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION; AND

**PARAGRAPH 8:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT ALL LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 11, 2016, AND

**PARAGRAPH 9:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS, GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA; TOM SCHEDLER, SECRETARY OF STATE; DR. F. KING ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE; KAYLIN PARKER, STUDENT DIRECTOR OF GEAX VOTE; JACQUES PETIT, DIRECTOR OF POLICY; AND CAROLINE BASCLE, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**PARAGRAPH 10:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

**APPROVED:**

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**ALEX DE GRAVELLE**  
**SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

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**ZACHARY A. FAIRCLOTH**  
**STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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