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A Resolution

In response to Executive Order 13769, to urge and request the revocation of the Executive Order, to communicate the long-standing hardships faced by international students attending Louisiana State University and the subsequent exacerbation caused by the Executive Order 13769, and to establish a commitment from Student Government to help mitigate its adverse effects through all possible avenues and means.

Paragraph 1: Whereas, on January 27, 2017, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, signed Executive Order (EO) 13769; and

Paragraph 2: Whereas, among other things, EO 13769 suspends all refugee entry into the United States for at least 120 days, suspends refugee entry from Syria indefinitely, and refuses non-diplomatic entry to citizens of seven nations (Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen); and

Paragraph 3: Whereas, this EO affects at least 118 LSU students whose permanent home addresses are in the listed countries as well as numerous current, future, and potential LSU students, faculty, staff, and family members – people who are indispensable to the operation of the University and the advances it makes; and

Paragraph 4: Whereas, international students have historically been alienated from the general student body and this recent Executive Order has furthered that divide as well as fostered a hostile environment and uncertainty among international students of Louisiana State University; and

Paragraph 5: Whereas, LSU Student Government has already begun helping international students expedite the visa process and has worked closely with the
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE STUDENT SOLIDARITY; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH LSU LAW TO PROVIDE IMMIGRATION SERVICES AND LEGAL AID TO AFFECTED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND WILL PROMOTE IMMIGRATION CLINICS OFFERED BY LSU LAW; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT WILL PURSUE FINANCIAL INITIATIVES TO PROVIDE HOUSING, SCHOOL MATERIAL, AND OTHER NECESSARY RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO ATTEND LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION TO FURTHER THEIR INITIATIVES AND CREATE A MORE WELCOMING CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT; AND

PARAGRAPH 9: WHEREAS, THIS SENATE AGREES WITH THE MESSAGE OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT F. KING ALEXANDER THAT “ACADEMIA DEPENDS UPON THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH COLLEAGUES FROM AROUND THE WORLD” AND WISHES TO DEMONSTRATE THAT “…OUR COLLEAGUES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ARE MORE THAN SIMPLY WELCOME AT LSU – THEY ARE RESPECTED AND VALUED…”; AND

PARAGRAPH 10: WHEREAS, THE LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION STATES, “IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT TO SERVE ALL LSU STUDENTS WITHOUT REGARD TO… NATIONAL ORIGIN.”; AND

PARAGRAPH 11: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE STUDENT SENATE, STANDING TOGETHER WITH ALL THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, URGES AND REQUESTS THE REVOCATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 13769 AND ANY SIMILAR ORDINANCES; AND

PARAGRAPH 12: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THIS SENATE SUPPORTS UNIVERSITY
President Alexander’s message of January 30 which calls upon the administration of Louisiana State University to take all necessary steps to mitigate the impact of this executive order upon those students, faculty, staff, and family members who are or may be affected, and

**Paragraph 13:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all United States Senators and Representatives of Louisiana; John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana; F. King Alexander, University President; Arlette Henderson, Student Government Advisor; and Zack Faircloth, Student Body President.

**Paragraph 14:** 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:**

ALEX DE GRAVELLE
Speaker of the Senate

ZACHARY A. FAIRCLOTH
Student Body President

DATE:_____________ DATE:_____________