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4 **STUDENT SENATE**

5 **F06RS**

6 **SGR No. 8**

7 **BY: SENATOR HODGE**

8 **A RESOLUTION**

9 **TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT CHANCELLOR SEAN O’KEEFE AND PRESIDENT WILLIAM**
10 **JENKINS IMPLEMENT A CAMPUS-WIDE, AND SYSTEM-WIDE POLICY, RESPECTIVELY,**
11 **RECOGNIZING DOMESTIC PARTNERS FOR PURPOSES OF INSURANCE AND BENEFITS.**

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13 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE LSU AND A&M CAMPUS AND THE LSU SYSTEM
14 PROVIDE BENEFITS TO SPOUSES AND FAMILIES OF UNIVERSITY
15 EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE SPOUSES AND FAMILIES OF
16 GRADUATE ASSISTANTS, AND

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18 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THESE BENEFITS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO,
19 DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE, DEATH BENEFITS, GROUP BENEFIT
20 HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE, DISCOUNTS FOR BOOKSTORE
21 PURCHASES, ACCESS TO CAMPUS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
22 HEALTH CENTER ACCESS, MARRIED HOUSING AND LEAVE
23 WITHOUT PAY TO ATTEND TO AND CARE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS,
24 AND

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26 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, SOME PERSONS CHOOSE NOT TO MARRY OR ARE
27 UNABLE TO MARRY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF LOUISIANA,
28 THEREBY PREVENTING THEM ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS THAT
29 SPOUSES AND FAMILIES OF UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES ENJOY, AND

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31 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE LSU COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY STATEMENT
32 RECOGNIZES THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY SHOULD, “PRACTICE
33 JUSTICE, EQUALITY, AND COMPASSION IN HUMAN RELATIONS;
34 RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF ALL PERSONS AND ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL
35 DIFFERENCES; AND USE OUR LSU EXPERIENCE TO BE AN ACTIVE
36 CITIZEN IN AN INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDEPENDENT WORLD,
37 AND

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39 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, LSU’S FLAGSHIP AGENDA RECOGNIZES THAT THE
40 LSU COMMUNITY SHOULD, “CONTINUE TO INCREASE DIVERSITY
41 OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND FACULTY; INCREASE DIVERSITY
42 AND INCLUSIVENESS OF LSU, WITH INCREASED EMPHASIS ON
43 RECRUITING AND RETAINING MINORITY AND WOMEN STUDENTS
44 AND FACULTY, PROVIDING A WORKPLACE FREE OF INTOLERANCE
45 OR DISCRIMINATION AND ENCOURAGE THE HIRING OF
46 UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS SO THAT WE MAY ALL BENEFIT
47 FROM DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES,” AND

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49 **PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, A RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERS FOR THE
50 PURPOSES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2 WOULD NOT ONLY
51 INCREASE LSU’S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY, BUT WOULD
52 ALSO FURTHER THE CONCEPTS EMBRACED WITHIN THE FLAGSHIP
53 AGENDA, AND

55 **PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, OTHER UNIVERSITIES SUCH AS HARVARD UNIVERSITY,
56 YALE UNIVERSITY, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, OHIO STATE
57 UNIVERSITY, TULANE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS,
58 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, AND VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
59 RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC PARTNERS FOR PURPOSES OF BENEFITS,
60 AND

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62 **PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, NONE OF OUR REGIONAL PEERS INCLUDING AUBURN,
63 CLEMSON, MISSISSIPPI STATE, NORTH CAROLINA STATE,
64 OKLAHOMA STATE, TEXAS A&M, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA,
65 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY
66 OF KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF
67 SOUTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA
68 POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OR WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
69 RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC PARTNERS FOR PURPOSES OF INSURANCE
70 AND BENEFITS, AND

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72 **PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, SHOULD LSU RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC PARTNERS, IT
73 WOULD SERVE TO DISTINGUISH THE UNIVERSITY FROM ALL OF
74 THE AFOREMENTIONED PEER INSTITUTIONS IN LEADING THE
75 EFFORT TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST
76 GRADUATE STUDENTS AND FACULTY/STAFF MEMBERS BY
77 TEARING DOWN A BARRIER WHICH MAY HAVE PREVENTED SUCH
78 RECRUITMENT IN THE PAST, AND

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80 **PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, IN RECOGNIZING DOMESTIC PARTNERS, LSU WILL
81 SERVE AS A BEACON OF PROGRESS IN ITS COMMITMENT TO
82 PRACTICE JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND DIGNITY IN HUMAN
83 RELATIONS.

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85 **PARAGRAPH 11:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT
86 GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
87 AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
88 THAT, WE URGE AND REQUEST THAT CHANCELLOR SEAN
89 O'KEEFE AND PRESIDENT WILLIAM JENKINS IMPLEMENT A
90 CAMPUS-WIDE AND SYSTEM-WIDE POLICY ON THE RECOGNITION
91 OF DOMESTIC PARTNERS FOR PURPOSES OF INSURANCE AND
92 BENEFITS.

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94 **PARAGRAPH 12:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
95 RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO DR. NEIL MATHEWS, VICE
96 CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT LIFE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES, DR.
97 JERRY BAUDIN, VICE CHANCELLOR FOR FINANCE AND
98 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, HAROLD SILVERMAN, INTERIM
99 EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST, MARION CALLIER,
100 ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR FOR HUMAN RESOURCE
101 MANAGEMENT, SEAN O'KEEFE, CHANCELLOR, DR. WILLIAM
102 JENKINS, SYSTEM PRESIDENT, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE LSU
103 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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109 **PARAGRAPH 13:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A
110 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE
111 BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL
112 ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY
113 APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.
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120 **ASHLEY D. MARTIN – SPEAKER**

_____ **CHRISTOPHER K. ODINET – PRESIDENT**

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