GSA Bill #12
A bill supporting the Black Lives Matter rally

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) Committee for Diversity and Inclusion shall encourage and promote participation by students from throughout the University community, including, but not limited to, students from racial and ethnic minorities, international students, women, the LGBTQ+ community, and distance learning students, and ensure that GSA programming is available and pertinent to the diverse graduate student community, and

WHEREAS, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) adopted Senate Resolution #2 which states that “ASUN encourages the dialogue among students, faculty, staff and the general public to address and find solutions aimed at ending violence and systemic racism against African American people and people of color”, and

WHEREAS, the Afrikan People’s Union (APU) and the Executive Council of Multicultural Organizations (ECMO) will organize a Black Lives Matter rally on October 21, 2016 at 12:30 PM in the Nebraska Union Plaza, and

WHEREAS, the Black Lives Matter rally intends to raise awareness about violence and systemic racism targeting African American people and people of color, and

WHEREAS, the Black Lives Matter movement guiding principle on restorative justice affirms that “We are committed to collectively, lovingly and courageously working vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension all people”.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED, that the GSA actively supports the efforts of the APU and the ECMO to organize a Black Lives Matter rally on October 21, 2016 at 12:30 PM, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY ENACTED, that the GSA encourages the ASUN Senate to adopt a resolution in support of the Black Lives Matter rally.

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