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A Resolution Calling for Stronger Action in Response to Immigration Policies

Whereas, members of Clemson University’s Graduate Student population are negatively impacted by the broad scope of a travel ban implemented in an Executive Order (EO) signed by President Donald Trump on Friday, January 27, 2017, and

Whereas, the EO has caused uncertainty and fear among certain minority communities, specifically international students, immigrants, and Muslims affiliated with Clemson University, and

Whereas, the lack of a public statement highlighting the conflict between Clemson University’s mission and this EO has exacerbated this uncertainty and fear, and

Whereas, the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate believes that this EO is discriminatory in nature and contrary to the core values of Clemson University, and

Whereas, the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate commends the efforts taken by the Clemson University Police Department, the Graduate School, and the Offices of Media Relations, Governmental Affairs, Counseling and Psychological Services, the Provost, General Counsel, Global Engagement, International Services, Student Affairs, and Advocacy and Success, and all other entities that have aided international students both directly and indirectly impacted by the EO, and

Whereas, the University has taken minimal public action to address issues caused by the ban, and such efforts have been limited to informational emails and forums,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate assembled,

That the Clemson University Graduate Student Senate calls upon University administration to make public its dedication to the defense of students impacted directly and indirectly by the EO and to publicly affirm its commitment to student diversity.

That the Senate reaffirms that all students are an equal and essential part of the Clemson family regardless of religion, ethnicity, or nationality.

Shawn Nanney, President of the Senate

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