

JOINT STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

Annual Joint Student Governments Session

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Sponsor: UISG Senator Mitchell Dunn and GPSG Delegate Dexter Golvinghorst

Referred to the Governmental Relations Committee

Joint Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

In support of the participation of campus partners in voter registration

1 **Section 1. Short Title**

2 This resolution may be cited as the “Support of Increased Voter Engagement Efforts
3 Resolution”

4 **Section 2. Youth Voter Engagement is Low**

5 Millennials are now the largest, most diverse, and most educated generation in
6 history, yet our generation fails to turnout to vote. Just 19.9 percent of those ages
7 18-24 cast their ballots in 2014.

8 Registering to vote eliminates a barrier to electoral participation. 84 percent of
9 those 18-29 who were registered to vote cast their ballots in 2008. UISG and GPSG
10 have partnered with TurboVote to simplify and expedite the voter registration
11 process at the University of Iowa.

12 **Section 3. Voter Engagement and University of Iowa Values**

13 One of the pillars of the Iowa Challenge is Engage. Voting is one key method in
14 which to be an engaged citizen. Millennials represent a strong segment of the voting
15 population in Iowa and across the United States. By registering voters, GPSG and
16 UISG will be able to ease student participation in voting on Election Day and
17 strengthen our legislative goals by demonstrating that student issues matter when
18 voting for elected officials to represent the State of Iowa.

19 **Section 4. UISG and GPSG action on Voter Engagement**

20 Iowa is the number one state in the nation where the youth vote could sway the
21 outcome of the election. Student voter turnout may influence policy and decision
22 makers regarding tuition and state appropriations for higher education. Moreover,
23 high registration and turnout by students will strengthen our legislative advocacy
24 efforts by elevating the issues students care about: Now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved*, UISG and GPSG will work with campus partners to register 4,000
26 students to vote this fall and will work to dramatically increase turnout.

_____, **Speaker of the Senate**
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I hereby attest and certify that this resolution originated from the 2016-2017 Joint Governments Session.

_____, **Secretary**
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on _____, Year

_____, **UISG President**
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