A Resolution

In support of the participation of campus partners in voter registration

Section 1. Short Title

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

Section 2. Youth Voter Engagement is Low

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

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

Section 3. Voter Engagement and University of Iowa Values

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

Section 4. UISG and GPSG action on Voter Engagement

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

Resolved, UISG and GPSG will work with campus partners to register 4,000 students to vote this fall and will work to dramatically increase turnout.
I hereby attest and certify that this resolution originated from the 2016-2017 Joint Governments Session.

APPROVED on ________, Year

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