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3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **F06RS**

5 **SGR No. 8**

6 **BY: SENATOR HODGE**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

8 **TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT CHANCELLOR SEAN O’KEEFE AND PRESIDENT WILLIAM**  
9 **JENKINS IMPLEMENT A CAMPUS-WIDE, AND SYSTEM-WIDE POLICY, RESPECTIVELY,**  
10 **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 PARTERNS 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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116 **APPROVED:**

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121 **ASHLEY D. MARTIN – SPEAKER**

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121 **CHRISTOPHER K. ODINET – PRESIDENT**

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