



Resolution: Denouncing President Trump's Executive Orders Restricting the Refugee Resettlement Program and Travel from Seven Muslim-Majority Countries, and Reaffirming Support of Refugees, Muslims, Immigrants and Religious Pluralism

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WHEREAS, on February 1, 2017 President Trump and his closest advisers authorized an unconstitutional Executive Order preventing refugees and nationals of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States,

WHEREAS, the actions carried out by the Administration and Customs and Border Patrol and the Department of Homeland Security to detain and deport travelers at airports across the country have caused undue harm and suffering on refugee, Muslim and targeted individuals and their Families,

WHEREAS, the President, throughout his campaign and following his election and inauguration, has made disparaging and discriminatory remarks against Muslims and Muslim refugees,

WHEREAS, according to the FBI, anti-Muslim hate crimes in the United States increased by 67 percent from the previous year,

WHEREAS, our nation's founding documents emphasize the freedom of religion, the separation of Church and State, and a society that embraces religious pluralism,

WHEREAS, Muslims, both born in the United States or foreign-born, have and will continue to represent an important thread in the tapestry of our society,

WHEREAS, the United States of America has been a signatory on both the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights and the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees both of which contain protections for those seeking asylum regardless of religious or national identification,

WHEREAS, policies that exclude rather than seek to include have been known in the policy community to increase recruitment to terrorist organizations and increase animosity towards the United States,

WHEREAS, hundreds of USC students and faculty have signed a GSG petition calling on President Ninkias and the USC administration to stand with refugee, undocumented and international students,

WHEREAS, the Association of American Universities, which represents 62 leading research universities in the U.S. and Canada including USC, released a statement on January 28, 2017 calling for the Administration to end the ban as quickly as possible,

WHEREAS, in 2016 USC pledged to fund up to five graduate degree and one undergraduate degree students from Syria annually,

WHEREAS, 252 USC students are directly affected by these discriminatory narratives and policies,

WHEREAS, graduate students are actively working to demand greater action around diversity, equity, inclusion and support of marginalized students,

WHEREAS, the public policy oath for equity, diversity and inclusion developed by USC Price students in January 2017 denounced the heightened use and normalization of anti-Black, anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim narratives and practices in our national political discourse,

BE IT RESOLVED that USC graduate students call on the university administration to release a

statement explicitly condemning the executive orders signed by President Trump that include restrictions on immigration and access to education and resources for refugee, Muslim, undocumented and international students,

BE IT RESOLVED that USC graduate students call on the university administration to voice its support for the continuation of student visas and access to quality education for all refugee, Muslim, undocumented and international students,

BE IT RESOLVED that USC graduate students call on the university administration to increase funding and resources to campus cultural, student service and mental health centers that serve Muslim, refugee, immigrant, international and other marginalized student groups,

BE IT RESOLVED that USC graduate students call on the university administration to establish an emergency fund to cover travel and legal expenses of those students who are adversely affected by the ban¹,

BE IT RESOLVED that USC graduate students call on the university administration to offer facilitated training for staff members in order to promote better competency of student concerns and anxiety,

BE IT RESOLVED that USC graduate students call on the university administration to provide culturally sensitive mental health services for individuals that hold more than one marginalized identity (LGBTQ+, Muslim, immigrant, refugee, undocumented, etc.) and to increase the hiring of mental health professionals who hold these marginalized identities,

BE IT RESOLVED that USC graduate students call on the university administration to ensure that higher education at our university will remain accessible and welcoming for all students deserving and willing to study here, no matter where they are from and no matter who is in elected office,

BE IT RESOLVED that USC graduate students call on the university administration to publicly uphold and defend the human right to education for all, and to stand with all refugee, Muslim, immigrant and undocumented students at our university and others in this time of need.

¹ It is proposed the initial allocation for this fund is set at \$11,000. The GSG Director of Campus Affairs has agreed to this amount allocate this amount from the Campus Affairs budget.. Application and disbursement models will be informed by and potentially modeled after University of Michigan Rackham Graduate Student Emergency Funds: <http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/emergency-funds>