WHEREAS, executive order 13769 suspended the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for 120 days, indefinitely suspended Syrian refugees, and suspended entry from seven Muslim-majority countries including Syria, Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Libya, Sudan, and Yemen for 90 days, in which exceptions will only be made on a case-by-case basis; and

WHEREAS, University of Wisconsin leaders have made statements about how this executive order would impact students within the University of Wisconsin System; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin System President, Ray Cross, noted the fear of students in an e-mailed statement on Monday January 30th that stated, "Across all UW System campuses, we have approximately 130 students from these countries, and undoubtedly, this executive order has created anxiety for all international, undocumented immigrant, and refugee students"; and

WHEREAS, President Cross noted further that "A key part of our university culture is that we respect the rights of individuals – and that different ways of thinking are encouraged, support and celebrated"; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Chancellor, James Schmidt, acknowledged concerns about the executive order and stated “With UW
System, we continue to review the executive order and its implications. While we will comply with federal regulations, we will do all we can to support any students, faculty or staff who may be affected in the weeks to come.”; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor James Schmidt recently stated that "the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan last fall opened the door wide for us to move forward and take action to fulfill the important vision we have for our campus”; and

WHEREAS, according to the University Senate Resolution In Response to the EDI Implementation Plan, “in October 2015, Chancellor James Schmidt charged the EDI Implementation Team with five goals and an accountability measure, with an aim in responding proactively to an urgent need to improve campus climate for students of color and enhancing equity, diversity and inclusivity for the entire campus”; and

WHEREAS, immigration is important to higher education, the overall production of society, and the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Association of International Educators estimates that international students contributed $364 million to the Wisconsin economy and $32.8 billion to the United States economy this last academic year; and

WHEREAS, international students contributed 4,475 total jobs for Wisconsin and 400,812 jobs for the United States this last academic year; and

WHEREAS, students are affected through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), visas, and hold varying immigration statuses; and

WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) allows for certain undocumented immigrants who entered the United States as minors to
receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit; and

WHEREAS, DACA allows for undocumented immigrants protected by it to pursue higher education; and

WHEREAS, in response to the executive order, the University of Wisconsin System has made a statement telling students protected by DACA to refrain from international travel, including study abroad, for fear that they will not be able to get back into the United States; and

WHEREAS, students attending the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with student visas cannot return home without the concern of being able to return to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State discontinued appointments and processing of visa applications until further notice;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate stands with their peers affected by this executive order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, consistent with stated commitment to ensuring the safety and protection of students of marginalized identities, the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire calls upon the Chancellor and other University policymakers to not provide information on immigration status of its students, faculty, or staff unless required to do so under force of law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire calls upon the Chancellor and other University policymakers to ensure that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers
must use appropriate legal processes if they are on campus and wish to contact individual students about enforcement-related issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Senate supports the continuation of DACA, and encourages the administration of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to do the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, consistent with longstanding University policy on non-discrimination, the University maintain its current admissions policies regarding the admission of undocumented immigrants; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, President Sukhu transmit a copy of this bill to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Joseph Abhold, Dean of Students; Mitch Freymiller, Chair, University Senate; Kristen Hendrickson, Budget and Resource Planning; Donald Trump, President of the United States of America; Ron Johnson, Senior Senator; Tammy Baldwin, Junior Senator; Paul Ryan, 1st District Representative; Mark Pocan, 2nd District Representative; Ron Kind, 3rd District Representative; Gwen Moore, 4th District Representative; James Sensenbrenner Jr., 5th District Representative; Glenn Grothman, 6th District Representative; Sean Duffy, 7th District Representative; and Mike Gallagher, 8th District Representative.

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