

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**FIFTY-THIRD SESSION**

**BILL NO. 53-47**

**INTRODUCED BY: Fleming**

**SECONDED BY: Brenner**

**A RESOLUTION TO: Support the Addition of a Freestanding Multicultural Center in the Michigan State University Empower Extraordinary Capital Campaign**

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:**

WHEREAS, President Lou Anna K. Simon states, “MSU takes great pride in our diversity”; and,

WHEREAS, The constitution of ASMSU states, “We [also] recognize and accept the responsibility to address the unique needs and concerns of the student community”; and,

WHEREAS, The Michigan State University Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives states that it strives to “lead and support efforts to advance a diverse and inclusive campus community.”; and,

WHEREAS, The mission of Michigan State University Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions states that it strives to “bring together individuals as well as groups of students from diverse racial, ethnic, international, and domestic backgrounds for meaningful interactions.”; and,

WHEREAS, Seven of the fourteen BIG10 universities have seen the value of fostering an inclusive environment through the means of establishing a freestanding Multicultural Center. In accordance with the Michigan State University core value of quality, it is necessary that we strive to be the best in key areas by elevating our performance to surpass a continuously rising standard; and,

WHEREAS, The Multicultural Center will serve as a focal point for students; community members; and cultural organizations, programs, and departments as it fosters connections amongst our student body and between our institution and the Greater Lansing community. By anticipating forthcoming issues while taking responsibility for our role in the community, we will pursue Michigan State University’s core value of connectivity; and,

WHEREAS, It is necessary to recognize emerging group identities as having value within our community as they become increasingly represented within higher education. In this current age of globalism, cultural competency enhances academia and

employability as it serves as a source for addressing societal conflicts that emerge from differing perspectives; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University supports the initiative for Michigan State University to establish a freestanding Multicultural Center as an addition to the Empower Extraordinary Capital Campaign.

**INTRODUCED ON** Feb.2.2017

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