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**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STAND 4 IX CAMPAIGN**

*Whereas*, the University of Notre Dame, in its mission statement, seeks to provide, “Residential life endeavors to develop that sense of community and of responsibility that prepares students for subsequent leadership in building a society that is at once more human and more divine;”

*Whereas*, as a Catholic institution, the University of Notre Dame is responsible to uphold the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, which state a responsibility to live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters through an ultimate quest for justice and peace;

*Whereas*, the University has stated it “is dedicated to responding quickly and thoroughly to all reports of sexual or discriminatory harassment, and to enforcing the University's Non-Retaliation Policy to protect those who report and/or are involved in an investigation of sexual or discriminatory harassment;”

*Whereas*, the University of Notre Dame has recently changed its housing policy and reformed Title IX policy, adding “informal resolutions” to Title IX cases;

*Whereas*, the Department of Education has made changes to its campus sexual misconduct guidelines, including rescinding the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) and 2014 Q&A Guidance for Sexual Assault which protected and informed survivors of sexual violence;

*Resolved*, the University of Notre Dame Student Senate formally supports the Stand 4 IX Campaign, which asks the administration to publicly state its intent to address the following four items: one, commit to use the preponderance of the evidence standard in cases of sexual misconduct, regardless of changing federal guidelines; two, uphold a 60-day timeline of addressing Title IX cases; three, clarify new alternative resolutions policy and disallow mediation in cases of sexual misconduct, in accordance with previous federal guidelines; and four, create and publicize waivers from the six-semester housing requirement for survivors of sexual misconduct, violence or any other form of discrimination.

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