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**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF DISABLED STUDENTS AS
UNDER-REPRESENTED MINORITIES**

Whereas, April is Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month.

Whereas, this month recognizes those who were born with or have acquired a medically abnormal limb, including amputees and those with congenital limb abnormalities;

Whereas, several Notre Dame students have limb loss or limb differences. These students, in addition to the wider disabled community, are poorly supported by the Notre Dame administration concerning accommodations, accessibility, lack of awareness among the student body/faculty, and exclusion from Diversity and Inclusion decisions;

Whereas, Building Bridges is an MSPS program that pairs underrepresented and minority students with faculty members to advance the development of minority communities at Notre Dame.

Whereas, if disabled students (including those with limb loss/limb difference) were considered under-represented minorities, they would gain access to Building Bridges and similar programs, including the Balfour-Hesburgh Scholars Program;

***Resolved*, by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, that the undergraduate student body calls upon the University of Notre Dame du Lac to consider disabled students as under-represented minorities, particularly when considering eligibility for programs like these, in honor of Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month.**

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