## RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

WHEREAS Western Kentucky University has provided a well-educated population and work force, research that improves the welfare of Kentuckians and supports cultural and economic development, and a record of community engagement that has been a transforming force for the region,

WHEREAS Kentucky's future capacity for greatness lies with an educated citizenry,

WHEREAS the proposed large cut to higher education will result in fewer jobs for faculty and staff, greatly increased tuition for students, and a decline in research,

AND WHEREAS such a large cut will further result in fewer Kentuckians going to college, fewer Kentuckians graduating, fewer Kentuckians entering the workforce with university degrees, fewer opportunities for economic development, and a reduction in the quality of life for Kentuckians, thereby halting progress,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Western Kentucky University urges the Honorable Steven Beshear, Governor, and members of the General Assembly to continue the investment in higher education by providing adequate funds to achieve the economic and educational goals of Kentucky.