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Resolution to Support Fair Housing Standards in Bowling Green

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to formally support the adoption of Uniform Resident Landlord and Tenant Act (URLTA) and a fair housing law substantially equivalent to the Federal Fair Housing Act in the City of Bowling Green.

WHEREAS: Fair housing should be a basic guarantee for all who rent in Bowling Green, and

WHEREAS: Thousands of Western students rent housing in Bowling Green, and

WHEREAS: There are currently no laws protecting renters from discrimination based on race, religion, color, national origin, disability, family status, age or sex, and

WHEREAS: Local law currently does not provide renters with protection against retaliatory or unfair eviction, and

WHEREAS: URLTA and Substantial Equivalence could protect students from such hazards, and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development have provided for the adoption of the aforementioned ordinances to address these issues, and

WHEREAS: Enacting such measures would make student renters in the City of Bowling Green more secure as well as ensuring fairness in the process for landlords.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University that formal support be given to the adoption of Uniform Resident Landlord and Tenant Act (URLTA) and a fair housing law substantially equivalent to the Federal Fair Housing Act in the City of Bowling Green, and

THEREFORE: Be it further resolved that the City of Bowling Green take immediate measure to enact said legislation.

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