WHEREAS Wichita State University is a higher education institution committed to ensuring the health and well-being of all who interact with the university environment; and

WHEREAS 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted in college; and

WHEREAS more than 90% of sexual assaults go unreported due to various personal reasons and self-blame that may accompany sexual assault1; and

WHEREAS “False reports” of sexual assault are rare and less than 2% of all reported assaults are untrue;1 and

WHEREAS the It’s on Us Initiative was launched on September 19, 2014 by the White House to address the lack of sexual assault awareness on college campuses2; and

WHEREAS the campaign asks everyone to make a personal commitment to step off the sidelines and be part of the solution to end campus sexual assault; and

WHEREAS many universities across the United States have taken the commitment; and

WHEREAS Wichita State University has already accepted the commitment on this campus;therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Senate of Wichita State University encourages the Student Body, as well as Faculty and Administration, to make a personal commitment to reaffirm the It’s on Us Initiative by raising awareness of the campaign and by creating an environment at Wichita State University in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect to Dr. John Bardo, President of the University, Dr. Teri Hall Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Anthony J. Vizzini, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs; The Wichita State University Police Department; The Wichita Eagle, the newspaper serving the Greater-Wichita Metropolitan area; and The Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University.

**APPROVED: 23rd Day of August 2017**

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Student Body President

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President of the Senate

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