WHEREAS Dunbar Theatre was built in 1941 and named after the African-American poet, Paul Lawrence Dunbar; and

WHEREAS Dunbar Theatre is a cultural gem in the black community that has been in a state of deterioration since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS The City of Wichita has joined efforts with POWER Community Development Corporation to restore the Historic Dunbar Theatre not only back to its original state, but to expand it to fit the modern needs of the diverse community; and

WHEREAS The restoration will aid in ongoing efforts to revitalize the diverse neighborhood that surrounds Dunbar; and

WHEREAS The City Council of Wichita has reached out to the community for input; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 60th Session Senate of the Wichita State University Student Government Association supports the efforts of Power CDC and The City of Wichita to renovate and restore The Historic Dunbar Theatre; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect to John Bardo, President of the University; Teri Hall, Vice President of Student Affairs; Jeff Longwell, the Mayor of Wichita; the Wichita City Council; Lavonta Williams, the District 1 Wichita City Council Member; the Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University; and The Wichita Eagle, the newspaper serving the greater Wichita metropolitan area.

**APPROVED: 25th Day of October, 2017**

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