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**Resolution #17-01: Affirmative Consent Policy**

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**Purpose:** To officially support Creighton University international students, Middle Eastern students, Omaha refugees, and those of the Islamic faith, in light of recent executive orders banning travel entry from certain countries.

**Whereas:** The executive order passed on January 27th, 2017 banned admission to the United States from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen for 90 days, including an additional 30 day ban on refugees from Syria.

**Whereas:** International students, visiting scholars, and faculty at Creighton are advised against leaving the country to see their families and friends due to the recent executive order, citing a risk of the inability of re-entry into the United States.

**Whereas:** Some Muslim International students have shared their personal experience with some members of the Creighton Students Union board of representatives about feeling frightened to express their religious beliefs on campus.

**Whereas:** As stated in the Creighton University Diversity Statement, “Creighton is committed in providing a safe and non-discriminatory education and employment environment.”

**Whereas:** According to the Creighton factbook of 2016-2017, 2.8% of all undergraduate students, graduate students, and professional studies students are international full-time students, visiting scholars or international exchange students at Creighton University.

**Whereas:** Creighton is directly involved in service with Omaha’s prominent refugee community through the Schlegel Center for Service and Justice.

**Whereas:** All students, faculty, and staff must be mutually respected regardless of their faith, nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status, as stated in article one of the United States Constitution, and aligning with the Jesuit Core Value “Cura Personalis-Care for the whole person.”

**Whereas:** The presence of international students and visiting scholars enriches the Creighton University community and fosters tolerance and diversity, promoting the education environment and preparing students to better serve others in alignment with the Jesuit core value “Men and Women for and with Others”.

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**Whereas:** Stated in the Creighton University mission statement, “The inalienable worth of each individual and appreciation of ethnic and cultural diversity are core values of Creighton.”

**Whereas:** Father Hendrickson has recently responded to the travel ban stating: “We have served as educators to Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Christians, and people of no religion, sharing our humanist pedagogy, practice of discernment, and actions for peace and justice for hundreds of years. It is that very Catholic, Jesuit mission that invites us to reach out in support of immigrants and refugees.”

**Whereas:** A Jesuit education encourages special attention to not only the balanced development of an individual, but also the awareness of global issues and the pursuit of justice for all who are marginalized, especially by those in authority.

**Whereas:** Creighton Students Union exists to represent and serve all students at Creighton University.

**Whereas:** As servants of the student body, Creighton Students Union must take a public stance to show the Creighton community we will not stand for discrimination.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CREIGHTON STUDENTS UNION THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED:** The Creighton Students Union will publicly support and stand in solidarity with all international scholars, visiting scholars, exchange international students, faculty, staff, and especially those of the Islamic faith in the Creighton community in response to the turmoil which has arisen due to the recent travel ban executive order. This includes, but is not limited to, publicising this stance and encouraging student discussion panels to promote respectful educational discourse surrounding immigration, refugees, and Islam on campus.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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