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A Resolution in Opposition to Kentucky House Bill 9

- Whereas, The Eastern Kentucky University Student Government Association works to support and uplift the voices of all students; and,
- Whereas, ECU SGA believes in ensuring that the voices of diverse populations are heard and uplifted equally to predominant communities on campus; and,
- Whereas, The Kentucky State Legislature has presented bills to limit the university's decision to provide differential treatments or benefits based on an individual's religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; and,
- Whereas, House Bill 9 is one of these bills and if it is passed, Kentucky's public colleges and universities would have to defund all diversity, equity, and inclusion offices and trainings, eliminate race-based scholarships, and end the requirement of students enrolling in courses that promote "discriminatory concepts"; and,
- Whereas, This would negatively impact the ability of universities to recruit diverse students and teach important parts of history; and,
- Whereas, Many spaces made for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) purposes are those which all students can and do use; and,
- Whereas, Preventing funding to these spaces would completely demolish the culture and safe space they have created for students; and,
- Whereas, The definition of resource in HB 9 currently includes donations, endowments, grants, and gifts; and,
- Whereas, ECU SGA supports the diverse student populations and organizations we have on our campus; and,
- Whereas, The Kentucky Legislature should focus on improving the livelihoods of the students who choose to attend collegiate programs in the Commonwealth instead of fighting against them; be it therefore,
- Resolved, The Eastern Kentucky University Student Government Association stands in opposition to House Bill 9 for its attack on the funding for DEI facilities here at ECU, which benefit all students as a space to congregate and celebrate; be it further,
- Resolved, The Eastern Kentucky University Student Government Association calls upon the Kentucky Legislative body to vote in opposition of Kentucky House Bill 9; be it further,

☒ Passed ☐ Vetoed ☐ Passed without Endorsement

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