WHEREAS, the mission of the Life Impact Program is to break the cycle of poverty by supporting disadvantaged students with children through counseling, mentorship and financial aid that provides upward mobility.

WHEREAS, one of UW-Milwaukee’s missions is to “further academic and professional opportunities at all levels for women, minority, part-time, and financially or educationally disadvantaged students” and prides itself as an ‘access institution’ for the local Milwaukee community.

WHEREAS, Chancellor Mone stated, “The Life Impact Program at UWM is essential for low-income students with children and for our community as a whole...”

WHEREAS, this program has a graduation rate of 79% and has helped 195 scholars at a contribution level of $2,229,921 in 12 years, and has provided nearly $260,000 in emergency funds to program members.

WHEREAS, Life Impact Program is in danger of insolvency due to losses of private funding, and lack of full support of the institution that has created barriers to generating additional donations.

WHEREAS, the failure to renew the Perkins Loan program will already disproportionately impact these students with children in need of financial support.

WHEREAS, the failure to support the Life Impact Program’s operational costs in the university budget will directly impact access to education and opportunity for students with children at UW-Milwaukee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Association at UWM urges UW-Milwaukee administration to commit to fulfilling its mission as an access institution by covering the operating costs of the Life Impact Program, including but not limited to: space, staff, and student benefits.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Student Association at UWM requests a response from UWM administration about this resolution roughly outlining potential courses of action by March 30th, 2018.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; UWM SA demands work with all affected parties to document a timeline and plan to ensure long-term, sustainable funding to protect the Life Impact Program.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; upon passage of this resolution it be sent to Chancellor Mark Mone, Provost Johannes Britz, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Affairs Robin Van Harpen, -

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1 http://www4.uwm.edu/lifeimpact/
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