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A Resolution to Authorize Purchasing and Donating Supplies to the Michigan Refugee Assistance Program (MRAP)

A resolution for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government

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Whereas, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic and non-academic life”;¹ and,

Whereas, University of Michigan students are considered the leaders and best, and leaders are meant to take a stand during times of injustice; and,

Whereas, the Michigan Refugee Assistance Program (hereafter MRAP) is a student-led organization that is dedicated to assisting recently resettled Syrian refugees in the Ann Arbor area, in partnership with Jewish Family Services; and,

Whereas, by the conclusion of the fiscal year 163 refugees will have been resettled in Washtenaw County by Jewish Family Services alone, with projections to double this number in 2017;² and,

Whereas, one of MRAP’s initiatives is to collect and donate basic necessities including but not limited to household goods, toiletries, kitchen utensils, linens for newly resettled refugees as they often arrive with limited resources; and,

Whereas, these recently resettled refugees include University of Michigan students and LSA Students; and,

Whereas, the non-academic lives of these students are greatly impacted by the lack of these basic necessities; and,

Whereas, the non-academic life of all students includes the wellbeing of the Ann Arbor area and broader Washtenaw County communities and those residing within them.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG authorizes utilizing \$400 from the General Fund for the purchasing of the supplies on the attached list and donating them to MRAP; and,

Be it finally resolved, if not all of the \$400 is utilized, the rest shall be retained by LSA SG as a part of the General Fund.

¹ The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article II

² Michigan Daily, “County resettles 163 refugees this year, plans to double numbers in 2017,”

<https://www.michigandaily.com/section/ann-arbor/refugee-resettlement-goals-quadruple-county>