RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCE AWARENESS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the University’s mission “...is to create, disseminate, preserve, and apply knowledge,” and to encourage “culturally diverse and international educational programs and communities,” as well as a University “commitment to full diversity”;

WHEREAS, “equality, compassion, and respect for individuals have long been the bedrock of Indiana University’s education mission” [President Michael McRobbie; 10/28/2013];

WHEREAS, Indiana University respects the religion and cultures of its community members in order to increase awareness of different religious and cultural days of observance wherever possible;

WHEREAS, it is understood that the University is proud that there are over 125 countries and many religions and cultures represented in our student body; furthermore, “... little separates us, and there’s a lot we can learn from each other” [Admissions, Diversity];

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly, as the official representative of the graduate and professional student body at Indiana University-Bloomington, that Indiana University should send university-wide emails to achieve the following:

(1) Bring awareness of cultural and religious days of observance to students, faculty, and administration;
(2) Increase respect of different cultures and religions being practiced by members of the University;
(3) Uphold and further promote the mission statement of the University.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly on the 7th day of November 2014.

GPSO President

Date