A Resolution to Plant More Trees on Campus

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WHEREAS, Western Michigan University (WMU) works continuously to promote sustainability by being a nationwide leader in sustainable practices;

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Association (GSA) is the recognized voice for students of WMU;

WHEREAS, WMU works to be a trailblazer in sustainable practices and procedures, In 2014 WMU received the Alliance for Resilient Campuses award which is given to universities all over the world who are committed to responding challenges triggered by changing global weather patterns, in addition to the winning numerous awards in the field of sustainability;

WHEREAS, WMU has been awarded Tree Campus USA every year since it was founded in 2008, Tree Campus USA is given out to universities who effectively manage forestry on campus, and promote it to the students and the community;

WHEREAS, climate change is affecting the world as a whole;

WHEREAS, climate change is defined as the modification of climate patterns due to the increase of carbon in the atmosphere;

WHEREAS, WMU has an entire department dedicated to landscape services, a minor in Climate Change Studies, and a working group of faculty devoted specifically to the issue of climate change;

WHEREAS, planting more trees will help reduce the parts per million of carbon within the atmosphere;

WHEREAS, planting more trees on campus will help WMU reduce its carbon footprint, and help the university become closer to reaching its goal of becoming carbon neutral;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Graduate Student Association will work with Landscape Services to support the efforts of students to plant more trees on campus, using a variety of sources of funding, including the Student Sustainability Grant and the Campus Projects Fund.