Western Student Association
Office of the Speaker of the Senate

A resolution to acknowledge the importance of community service.

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WHEREAS, community service is one of Western Student Association’s priorities as one cabinet position encompasses involvement and many students at Western Michigan University are actively engaged within their local or state communities helping advance the progress of community or educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Lee Honors College requires its students to obtain a score of service hours per year and said service is acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, students receive minimal, if any, acknowledgment for their out of class involvements; and

WHEREAS, students who are actively involved in dedicating a time and resource commitment to their communities should be recognized for their service; and

WHEREAS, a representative government should want to advocate for the importance of volunteer work as it adds positive value to organizations and communities around them; now, therefore, be it

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Student Association create a system to track volunteer hours submitted by students through a submission form on the Western Student Association website and keep and record a rolling count of all hours of service completed and reported by students since the beginning of this program (February, 2020); and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there will be no limitations on the specific type of volunteering performed with the exception of payment; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this program is referred to as the Community Involvement Recognition Program (CIRP); and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CIRP will fall under the constitutional duties appointed to the person who is in charge of handling involvement, referred to as the CIRP Manager; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once a student exceeds 100 hours of community service, that they are recognized during the next meeting announcement period and rewarded with a brown cord for graduation, after 250 hours a silver cord, and after 500 hours a gold cord; and finally

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CIRP Manager, under their stipulations, presents a ‘Volunteer of the Year’ award at the end of year banquet.