



GSA Bill #12

A bill supporting the Black Lives Matter rally

1 **WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) Committee for Diversity and
2 Inclusion shall encourage and promote participation by students from throughout the University
3 community, including, but not limited to, students from racial and ethnic minorities, international
4 students, women, the LGBTQA+ community, and distance learning students, and ensure that GSA
5 programming is available and pertinent to the diverse graduate student community, and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) adopted
7 Senate Resolution #2 which states that “ASUN encourages the dialogue among students, faculty,
8 staff and the general public to address and find solutions aimed at ending violence and systemic
9 racism against African American people and people of color”, and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Afrikan People’s Union (APU) and the Executive Council of
11 Multicultural Organizations (ECMO) will organize a Black Lives Matter rally on October 21, 2016
12 at 12:30 PM in the Nebraska Union Plaza, and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Black Lives Matter rally intends to raise awareness about violence and
14 systemic racism targeting African American people and people of color, and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Black Lives Matter movement guiding principle on restorative justice
16 affirms that “We are committed to collectively, lovingly and courageously working vigorously for
17 freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension all people”.

18 **THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED**, that the GSA actively supports the efforts of the
19 APU and the ECMO to organize a Black Lives Matter rally on October 21, 2016 at 12:30 PM, and

20 **THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY ENACTED**, that the GSA encourages the ASUN
21 Senate to adopt a resolution in support of the Black Lives Matter rally.

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