



GSA Bill # 11

A bill to support the ongoing recovery efforts in assisting the victims of the hurricanes

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas, causing over 80 deaths, leaving over 300,000 people without electricity, and causing an estimated total of between \$70 billion and \$200 billion in damage; and,

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2017, Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida, leaving over 4.4 million homes and businesses without electricity, causing an estimated total of \$63 billion in damage, of which over \$50 billion occurred in Florida, and is responsible for a total of at least 124 deaths, of which 80 occurred in Florida itself; and,

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico, leaving 95% of the island without electricity, causing a total of over 60 deaths, of which at least 24 occurred in Puerto Rico itself, and causing over \$50 billion of damage; and,

WHEREAS, there is a change.org petition currently seeking to postpone university application deadlines to benefit applicants who have been affected by the hurricanes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) wishes to express its condolences to the people whose lives have been affected by these disasters, and furthermore supports the hurricane recovery efforts that have been undertaken in response, as well as the petition to delay application deadlines; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that GSA will express its condolences and support through social media, and will further provide links for donation to the hurricane recovery efforts and the application deadline petition, as well as encourage graduate students of the University of Nebraska to donate to these efforts and to sign the petition.

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