

1 Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NON-ACADEMIC VOTING SEAT FOR GO-**
2 **MAP (Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Program)**

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9 WHEREAS, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) graduate and professional
10 students are underrepresented populations at the University of Washington; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Senate is tasked with representing all
13 graduate and professional student voices on the UW, Seattle campus; and

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15 WHEREAS, perspectives of BIPOC graduate and professional students should be
16 included when constructing policy and coordinating advocacy that may impact the
17 BIPOC community and their campus experiences; and

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19 WHEREAS, Over 4,000 graduate and professional students at UW currently identify as
20 BIPOC; and

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22 WHEREAS, GO-MAP has been serving BIPOC graduate students since 1970 and
23 provides education, programming, events, and a community for BIPOC students; and

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25 WHEREAS, GO-MAP is the primary recruitment and retention organization for
26 underrepresented minorities at the University of Washington, providing fellowships and
27 other academic resources; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Advisory Board (GSAB) of GO-MAP directs
30 advocacy, community building, graduate student success, outreach, and alumni relations,
31 and can therefore provide sustainable support for a representative for this seat; and

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33 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL
34 STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

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36 THAT a Senate seat for underrepresented graduate and professional minoritized groups
37 be created by the GPSS under the procedures specified by Article III, Section C of the
38 GPSS Constitution and filled by a graduate student selected by the GO-MAP GSAB.

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40 *Presented to GPSS for approval on April 7, 2021*

41 *Approved on April 7, 2021*