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A Resolution to Co-Sponsor 2017 Mental Health Monologues

A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government

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Whereas, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic and non-academic life”;¹ and,

Whereas, Active Minds at the University of Michigan is coordinating the third annual Mental Health Monologues event on Saturday, April 1st, 2017 from 12:00pm to 4:30pm and Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 from 5:30pm to 9:30pm; and,

Whereas, the purpose of Mental Health Monologues is to host an event where students have the opportunity to share a 5 minute story, poem, song, dance, or other piece about their history with mental health in order to encourage dialogue about mental health, reduce stigma, and create a climate on campus supportive of mental health; and,

Whereas, student organizations including Central Student Government Health and Safety Commission, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) at the University of Michigan, and Active Minds at the University of Michigan are collaborating in working on this event; and,

Whereas, LSA SG has sponsored/hosted similar mental health events in the past designed to combat student mental health issues, most notably the Mental Health Speakout in Winter 2016; and,

Whereas, the event will be free of charge, open to the public, and LSA SG will help facilitate conversations between us, constituents, and underrepresented groups.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG shall co-sponsor the Mental Health Monologues event and shall be recognized and listed as such by Active Minds; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG shall contribute \$750 from the General fund for this event which will be spent on marketing, supplies, and amenities for the event; and,

Be it finally resolved, if for some reason this event fails to occur LSA SG shall retain the \$750 and it will carry over into the Fall 2017 budget.

¹ The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article II