

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7-011

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROTECTION OF RESOURCES FOR  
SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS**

- WHEREAS,** Central Student Government (hereafter CSG) seeks to encourage student civic engagement, increase campus safety, give voice to student concerns, and enhance student welfare for everyone<sup>1</sup>; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Sexual assault is a pervasive issue on the campus of the University of Michigan (hereafter U-M), as the U-M Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct found that 11.4% of students, 22.5% of undergraduate females and 6.8% of undergraduate males were survivors of some form of sexual assault on the U-M campus<sup>2</sup>; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** The Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (hereafter SAPAC) and its crisis line are valuable educational and supportive resources for survivors of sexual assault and misconduct as well as all students; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Students may feel uncomfortable reporting for a variety of reasons: 53.6% of survivors on campus have never told anyone about their experience and only 3.6% have reported their experience or used any university resource<sup>3</sup>; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Research about reporting behaviors among immigrant and undocumented populations suggests that immigrant women are not as likely to report

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<sup>1</sup> <https://csg.umich.edu/mission/>

<sup>2</sup> U-M 2015 Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct

<sup>3</sup> U-M 2015 Campus Climate Surveys Regarding Sexual Misconduct

abusive behaviors as U.S. born women<sup>4,5</sup>, for reasons including fear of deportation, unemployment, custody loss, and language barriers<sup>6</sup>; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Title IX, the Clery Act, and the Violence Against Women Act together prohibit the request of immigration or citizenship status or resultant threat of deportation as these actions are intimidating and an active discouragement from reporting sexual assault; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** It is critical to share information with students about these legal protections that may alleviate fears preventing individuals from reporting in order to make sexual assault support resources available to to all students on campus; **THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That CSG supports the inclusion of new language on the SAPAC website detailing the protections informed by Title IX, the Clery Act, and the Violence Against Women Act in order to reach survivors who may face additional barriers to reporting; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED,** CSG will continue to support survivors of sexual assault and to support SAPAC in their efforts to provide supportive resources for survivors of sexual assault and misconduct as well as all students.

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<sup>4</sup> Andrea Hazen, and Fernando I. Soriano, "Experience of Intimate Partner Violence Among U.S. Born, Immigrant and Migrant Latinas," *Latinas and Violence* (September 2005);

<sup>5</sup> Chiara Sabina, Carlos A. Cueva, and Jennifer L. Schally, "The Cultural Influences on Help-seeking Among a National Sample of Victimized Latino Women," 49 *American Journal of Community Psychology* 347 (2012).

<sup>6</sup> "Injustice on Our Plates: Immigrant Women in the U.S. Food Industry," <http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/publications/injustice-on-our-plates#.UXgvP8r4VBk>

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