Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2013.F1

Support for the Not In Our Town Campaign of BGSU and the City of Bowling Green

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Not In Our Town campaign was launched with the help of a PBS documentary that highlighted the efforts of Billings, Montana citizens who stood up for their neighbors after a series of hate crimes.

WHEREAS, the Not In Our Town campaign has catalyzed a diverse grassroot movement that has inspired hundreds of communities in the United States and around the world to take action against hate.

WHEREAS, Not In Our Town’s mission is to guide, support, and inspire people and communities to work together to stop hate and build safe, inclusive environments for all.

WHEREAS, with the help of the Director of Equity and Diversity Barbara Waddell, the Equity and Diversity officer Vicky Kulicke, and the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, an initiative was started to begin a Not In Our Town campaign in the Bowling Green community.

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2013, a formal agreement was drafted by the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion with input form the Bowling Green community, by which advocates of the Not In Our Town can pledge their support.

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University and the city of Bowling Green have affirmed their commitment to social justice and equity and inclusion, as well as embraced and celebrated diversity, through their support of the Not In Our Town Campaign.

WHEREAS, the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion are looking to have more prominence at University wide events to aid in the Not In Our Town campaign.

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate interacts directly with all the graduate student body.

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate has historically supported initiatives to aid diversity affairs related issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Graduate Student Senate will do its part to spread the word of the Not In Our Town Campaign to the graduate student body at Bowling Green State University.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Graduate Student Senate at Bowling Green State University formally supports the Not In Our Town Campaign at Bowling Green State University and in the Bowling Green community.

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Voted upon by the GSS General Assembly on October 25, 2013
Senators For: 49  Senators Against: 0  Abstentions: 0