



**Resolution No. 1617-13**  
**A Resolution to Sign on to the “It’s On Us” Campaign**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS, the “It’s On Us” campaign was founded in September of 2014 to address the issue of rape and sexual assault on university and college campuses across the United States; and
- WHEREAS, The “It’s On Us” camping mission statement is “It’s On Us is cultural movement aimed at fundamentally shifting the way we think about sexual assault. Is a rallying cry inviting everyone to step up and realize that the solution begins with us. It’s a declaration that sexual assault is not only a crime committed by a perpetrator against a victim, but a societal problem in which all of us have a role to play. We are reframing sexual assault in a way that inspires everyone to see it as their responsibility to do something, big or small, to prevent it. We are asking everyone to create an environment, be it a dorm room, a party, a club or a sports team, or the greater college campus, where sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported. Raising awareness. Holding ourselves and each other accountable. Looking out for someone who cannot consent. It’s On Us. All of us.”(ItsOnUs.org); and,
- WHEREAS, a startling number of college students (1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men) are sexually assaulted in during their tenure (ItsOnUs.org); and
- WHEREAS, only 13% of rape survivors report assault, 40% percent of survivors fear reprisal by their attacker, and 8 in 10 victims knew their attacker (friend, significant other, etc.) (ItsOnUs.org); and
- WHEREAS, the Missouri Students Association is also taking action to sign onto this campaign by taking the pledge; be it
- RESOLVED, that the Graduate Professional Council signs the following It’s On Us campaign pledge:  
To RECOGNIZE that non-consensual sex is sexual assault.  
To IDENTIFY situations in which sexual assault may occur.  
To INTERVENE in situations where consent has not or cannot be given.  
To CREATE an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported; and be it
- RESOLVED, that “This pledge is a personal commitment to help keep women and men safe from sexual assault. It is a promise not to be a bystander to the problem, but to be a part of the solution” (ItsOnUs.org); and be it
- RESOLVED, by a majority vote here gathered, that the Graduate Professional Council be committed to upholding the pledge of the “It’s On Us” campaign; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the Graduate Professional Council encourages the administration of the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Missouri System to sign the on to this campaign.
- SUBMITTED,



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