



**Resolution 1718-09**

**Declaration of Support for the MU Wellness Resource Center**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** The MU Wellness Resource Center (WRC) was founded in 1990 in conjunction with MU and the founder, Kim Dude; and
- WHEREAS,** The WRC provides services for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students regarding a multitude of wellness related areas of college/personal life; and
- WHEREAS,** The WRC supports on average per semester 4-5 graduate and professional students with financial support ranging from 0.25 - 0.5 FTE through various Graduate Research Assistantships (GRA) offered: (Partners in Prevention GRA, Counseling Services GRA, and Counseling Clinical Services GRA); and
- WHEREAS,** These assistantships are highly valuable for graduate and professional students not only due to the stipend, but due to the alternative-academic/non-academic (alt-ac/non-ac) training and professional development they receive when working in these positions; and
- WHEREAS,** The UM System, University of Missouri, MU Office of Graduate Studies, and GPC are working towards stronger alt-ac/non-ac programming; and
- WHEREAS,** Budgets are being formed under the current budget cut proposal, which may cause the WRC to lose assistantship positions; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that the Graduate Professional Council declares support for the work being done by the MU Wellness Resource Center and the graduate workers conducting this work with the staff; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the Graduate Professional Council urges the University of Missouri Administration to ensure the assistantship positions offered by the WRC will not be cut and MU will supplement any budgetary cuts made to the WRC to support the continuation of these important assistantship positions available for graduate and professional students that are vital for their careers.

**SUBMITTED,**  
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