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A RESOLUTION TO: Encourage the Passage of HB [5548-5549](#) (2018) by the Michigan House of Representatives.

Recognizing, Grand Valley State University encourages students to be active citizens as an integral part of the mission of GVSU to “educate students to shape their lives, their professions, and their societies”¹,

Recognizing, the Michigan Senate passed the same package of bills (SB 425-429) by an overwhelming bipartisan majority of 35 votes for and 1 vote against²,

Recognizing, that 37 states and the District of Columbia currently allow for eligible citizens to register to vote online³,

Recognizing, that Michigan election law requires voters to be registered thirty (30) days in advance of an election⁴,

Recognizing, some organizations, including GVSU departments, do not immediately mail voter applications to the correct county clerk’s office when it is completed and counties may see increased levels of applications turned in just before the thirty (30) day requirement⁵

Whereas, allowing online voter registration would assure that applications are not thrown out due to any organization or individual mailing or turning in applications less than the required thirty (30) days before an election,

Recognizing, students may be registered at their parents’ address rather than GVSU due to the fact that the State of Michigan allows one principal address⁶,

Let It Be Resolved, that the Grand Valley State University Student Senate supports the passage of HB 5548-5549 which would allow eligible residents of the State of Michigan to register to vote online.

¹ <https://www.gvsu.edu/housing/employment/grand-valley-mission-statement-5.htm>

² <https://www.freep.com/story/news/2018/03/15/online-voter-registration-gets-overwhelming-support-state-senate/428177002/>

³ <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/electronic-or-online-voter-registration.aspx>

⁴ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf

⁵ <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2016/10/12/voter-registration-wayne-county-election/91968282/>

⁶ http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633_8716_8726_47669-175879--,.00.html