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A RESOLUTION TO: Formally Reinstate Battle of the Valleys as an Inter-University Competition between Grand Valley State University and Saginaw Valley State University

Recognizing, our Mission Statement guides the Senate to “cultivate a student body that is engaged, healthy, and empowered”¹; and

Recognizing, the Battle of the Valleys fundraising competition was declared on October 18, 2003 between the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Student Senate and the Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) Student Association and around the annual football rivalry; and

Recognizing, over the course of this fundraising rivalry, approximately a combined \$690,000 has been raised for local non-profit organizations; and

Whereas, the Grand Valley State University Student Senate formally withdrew from this competition on March 21, 2019, during a General Assembly Meeting, and

Whereas, during the Winter 2020 semester discussions began between both Universities to reinstate the competition, which was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing shutdown measures, and

Whereas, these discussions were revived during the Fall 2020 semester following the September election of the Student Senate at GVSU, and

Whereas, student leaders at both institutions had several discussions, leading to a new proposed rules agreement, as attached; and

Whereas, upon the agreement of both parties, this resolution be offered before the GVSU Student Senate + SVSU Student Association and for adoption of the new proposed rules agreement and reinstatement of the inter-university competition, “Battle of the Valleys” beginning in Fall 2021 and reoccurring each fall upon the annual football rivalry week;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Grand Valley State University Student Senate, acting on behalf of the student body, recommend to formally reinstate Battle of the Valleys as an inter-university competition between Grand Valley State University and Saginaw Valley State University, and

¹ <https://www.gvsu.edu/student senate/>

Furthermore, Let It Be Resolved, this legislation will be forwarded to the relevant on-campus partners, specifically: The Student Senate Advisor, Dean of Students, and Manager of Campus Philanthropy.