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Resolution in Support of Creating a More Equitable Policy on Men Who Have Had Sexual Contact with Another Man since 1977 on Donating Blood

Whereas, The Associated Student Inc. (ASI) as the official voice of the California State University San Marcos to express student opinions, to protect the right and interests of the students, and to create awareness and encourage a campus climate that meets the educational, social and cultural well-being of CSUSM students; and

Whereas, the Associated Students Inc of California State University San Marcos recognizes that donating blood is vital for our communities; and

Whereas, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has imposed a permanent ban on men who have sex with men, even once, since 1977 from donating blood originally enacted in 1985; and

Whereas, the Blood Products Advisory Committee (BPAC) voted to maintain the policy by a seven (7) to six (6) margin on November 23, 1998;

Whereas, Steven Kleinman, MD, Senior Medical Advisor to the American Blood Center and the American Red Cross, stated to the Blood Advisory Council on March 9, 2006 that this ban, "is medically and scientifically unwarranted and recommend that deferral criteria be modified and made comparable with criteria for other groups at increased risk for sexual transmission of transfusion-transmitted infections."

Whereas, the Associated Students Inc. recognizes the lifetime ban on men who have sex with other men donating blood is a discriminatory practice; and

Whereas, according to the Center for Diseases Control other groups of people based on other risk factors, including heterosexual contact, are becoming an increasingly higher proportion of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) populations; therefore

Be it Resolved, the Associated Students Inc. at California State University San Marcos commits, with The American Red Cross, American Blood Center, Gay Straight Alliance, The Rainbow Network, Planned Parenthood, University of Maine Osea, and Stanford University to advocate for the reduction of the current lifetime ban to be equitable with other at-risk groups; and

Therefore be it resolved, the Associated Students Inc. additionally advocates that the Food and Drug Adminisitration (FDA) put into place better policies to protect the blood supply that do not involve discriminatory practices against any persons, including students of the California State University San Marcos, based on race, ethnicity, class, gender, occupation, sexual orientation, sexual practices, or physical abilities.

Therefore further be it resolved, the Associated Students Inc. will use this resolution as an example to continue to advocate against discriminatory policies that affect the student body;

Finally Be it Resolved, the Associated Students Inc. forwards this resolution to the Food and Drug Administration's Blood Advisory Council, All members of United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, All members California State Senate Committee on Health, All members of California Assembly Committee on Health, California State Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, President George Bush, The American Red Cross, American Blood Center, Gay Straight Alliance, The Rainbow Network, Planned Parenthood, University of Maine Osea, Stanford University, United States Student Association, University of California Student Association, and local and national media outlets.

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