



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE BILL S24-04 SENATE MEETING 3/25/2024

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4 **TITLE:** Funding for the People of Nia Celebration to be held on May 8th, 2024
5 at 6pm in the Sun Room, Memorial Union.
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7 **WHEREAS:** The People of Nia Celebration was created by the Black Graduate
8 Student Association (BGSA) and Black Student Alliance (BSA) at
9 Iowa State University in 1997 in response to low retention and high
10 attrition at the University, and
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12 **WHEREAS:** Since its inception, many institutions have created similar ceremonies
13 under the same moniker to celebrate their Black students, and
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15 **WHEREAS:** This event aims at celebrating Black students across the diaspora, and
16 serves as a remembrance of their purpose in life, in community and in
17 academic spaces,
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19 **WHEREAS:** The People of Nia celebration is important because it (1) recognizes
20 their academic achievements in a culturally relevant setting, (2)
21 motivates and encourages academic matriculation and (3) promotes
22 community among the Black student populace.
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24 **ENACTED:** The Graduate and Professional Student Senate grants \$1000
25 towards the People of Nia Celebration to help with financial planning
26 and execution of the event,
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28 **Sponsors:**
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30 Taea Bonner
31 Alex Klein
32 Veronica Kiuna
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37	Christine Cain, President	Kean Fallon, Treasurer