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SENATE RESOLUTION S20-01 SENATE MEETING January 27th, 2019

Title: Joint Resolution in Support of Renaming Dead Week

WHEREAS: For each Fall and Spring semester, the last full week of classes before final examinations is designated as “Dead Week”, and

WHEREAS: “Dead Week” has historically been considered by institutions across the country as a week marked with minimal examinations, final projects, and in some cases no class, and

WHEREAS: Much of student usage of the term “Dead Week” is also from the overall stress, sleep deprivation, anxiety, and feeling of ‘death’, which is not the goal or focus of the week, and

WHEREAS: Student academic curricula is the principal reason for being in college, and students have a responsibility to study in a timely fashion throughout the entire semester, including the week prior to finals, and

WHEREAS: “Prep Week” is a more appropriate term for the week preceding finals, as well as it is representative of the goals Iowa State University has for its students during that time, and

WHEREAS: Senior Vice President and Provost Jonathan Wickert and Faculty Senate President Jonathan Sturm are in support of this change; in addition, multiple hall directors in the Department of Resident have already asked Community Advisors to use an alternate name, be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the Iowa State University Student Government endorse this document and affirm their support for this name change of the week preceding final examinations to “Prep Week”, and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be forwarded immediately to the current Graduate and Professional Student Senate to vote on as a joint resolution as they plan to do so on January 27, 2020, and be it further



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39 RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to President Wendy Wintersteen, Senior
40 Vice President, Provost Jonathan Wickert, and the Department of Residence.
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Sponsors:

45 Carrie Ann Johnson, Senator-at-large (English)

46 Introduced by Kate Alucard on behalf of Senator Johnson (English)

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James Klimavicz, Vice President

Eleanor Field, President