



**Student Government Resolution 116.041**  
**A Resolution Supporting the Sponsorship of an Annual Voter Registration Drive**  
**Sponsored by Keaton Leppanen, Student Affairs Chair; Lucasana Barker, Jake Harris,**  
**and Adam Childers-Arnold, Voting Senators**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Voting is one of the most important civic opportunities given to citizens; and
- College-aged students traditionally have significantly lower rates of voter turnout than other demographics; and
- It is important that Truman students' opinions are represented in both future local and national elections; and
- This past 2016-2017 school year, the Student Affairs Committee, in conjunction with the College Republicans, College Democrats, Young Americans for Liberty, and Students for a Democratic Society, sponsored a successful Voter Registration drive and Get Out the Vote campaign; and
- The 2016-2017 Voter Registration Drive resulted in over 300 students being registered to vote; and
- The regular hosting of such drives could increase civic participation and voter turnout among Truman students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- That the Student Government thanks those groups who made the 2016-2017 Voter Registration Drive a success; and
- Encourages future External Affairs Committees to host an annual Voter Registration Drives and Get Out the Vote Campaigns.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to President, Susan Thomas; Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Richard Coughlin; Vice President for Student Affairs, Lou Ann Gilchrist; Director of the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards, J.D. Smiser; Truman State College Democrats; Truman State College Republicans; Truman State Students for a Democratic Society; Young Americans for Liberty; University Archives; and the Truman Media Network.

Approved by: Unanimous Consent 4/2/17

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'JJ' followed by 'Dorrell' in a cursive style.

President of the Student Association, JJ Dorrell