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**Resolution 2-23-S Resolution to Support Narcan in WKU Residence Halls**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the implementation of Narcan emergency overdose kits in all WKU residence halls.

WHEREAS: WKU does not currently keep Narcan in residence halls, and

WHEREAS: Overdoses are increasing nationwide, with opioid overdose cases in Kentucky rising to 49.2 overdose deaths per 100,000 people in 2020 according to the CDC, and

WHEREAS: Many accidental overdoses are linked to the synthetic opioid known as fentanyl which is used to lace common street drugs to make them cheaper and more addictive; users are often unaware that their drugs are laced with deadly doses of fentanyl, and

WHEREAS: Narcan is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids, including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications, and

WHEREAS: Narcan Nasal Spray comes as a ready-to-use device and there is no special training, measuring, or assembly required to use the device, however there will be RA training, and

WHEREAS: WKU’s Student Government Association has received a grant to implement Narcan emergency overdose kits in residence halls beginning in Summer 2023, and

WHEREAS: Narcan kits will be placed as a preventative measure for emergency; students will feel safer in their dorms knowing the designated location of the Narcan kits, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports implementation of Narcan emergency kits in all WKU residence halls.

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