RESOLUTION

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Introduced By: Academic Affairs Committee

Certified: Speaker Osef

Signed: President Gelfarini

Resolution Advocating for an Extended Weekend in the Fall Semester

WHEREAS, A majority of the undergraduate student body is of the opinion that stress due to academics impacts their mental well being considerably¹,

RECOGNIZING, The fact that there is no break between Labor Day weekend and Thanksgiving Break,

WHEREAS, Students believe that the addition of a three-day weekend in the fall semester would relieve their academic stress considerably²,

WHEREAS, The majority of students do not support losing a reading day during final exams to implement a three day weekend³,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Government Association supports the addition of a three day weekend between Labor Day and Thanksgiving Break to alleviate stress due to academics and not at the loss of any reading day or allocated vacation days.
1 52.95% of respondents to the February 10, 2012 Vermont Student Opinion Poll (VSOP) responded stress due to academics impacts them either “considerably” or “a great deal.” Furthermore, an additional 38% responded that stress impacts them “moderately.”

2 44.14% of respondents to the February 10, 2012 VSOP reported that the addition of a three day weekend in the fall semester would relieve their academic stress “a great deal” or “considerably.” Furthermore, an additional 34% responded that an additional three day weekend would moderately reduce their academic stress.

3 37.18% of respondents to the February 10, 2012 VSOP responded “definitely no” when asked: “would you be willing to lose a reading day during finals week for a three day weekend between September 1 and November 1?” Furthermore, 25.05% of respondents reported “probably no” when asked the same question.