WHEREAS, the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Student Government Association (SGA) is vested with the authority to be the voice for the student body; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA grants formal recognition to signify gratitude for figures with significant contributions or importance impactful to our university community, and;

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln made significant contributions that altered the course of history securing civil liberties and national unity for the people of the United States, and;

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln inspires the advancement of freedom, equality, democracy, and leadership throughout the global with his legacy, and;

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln is a significant figure in the identity of the community of Springfield and UIS as a representative of the values and aspirations of both communities.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the SGA formally recognizes February 12, 2017 as the 208th anniversary of President Lincoln’s birth on behalf of the entire university community.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the formal recognition of President Lincoln’s birth serves as a tribute to his legacy advancing the principles of democracy and leadership that the SGA embodies for the UIS student body.

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President A. Mehmet         Secretary E. Hartney