**A Resolution Encouraging the Members of the University of Southern Mississippi Community to Participate in the 2018 Midterm Elections**

WHEREAS, statistically Midterm Elections produce lower voter turnout than Presidential Election years; and

WHEREAS, in the 2014 Midterm Elections an estimated 37% of eligible voters participated in the election; and

WHEREAS, in the 2014 Midterm Elections an estimated 20% of eligible youth voters participated in the election; and

WHEREAS, the University of Southern Mississippi Community will be voting on a Representative to the United States House of Representatives, two Senators to the United States Senate, and multiple state and local government positions; and

WHEREAS, the nature of our democratic republic is inherently invested in the hands of the voting population; therefore,

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI*

SECTION 1. The Student Government Association does hereby encourage all eligible members of the University of Southern Mississippi Community to participate in elections through early voting, mail-in ballots, or voting on election day on Tuesday, November 6th, 2018 and runoff election day on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018.

SECTION 2. The Student Government Association Senate advises the students of the University of Southern Mississippi that are denied the ability to vote, due to improper form of identification, etc., to request a provisional ballot so that they may continue to participate in their civic duty despite voter disenfranchisement.

SECTION 3. Upon passage this Resolution shall be sent to Ms. McKenna Stone, President of the Student Government Association for signature confirmation. Copies of this resolution shall also be sent to Ms. Wynde Fitts, Advisor of the Student Government Association, the University Archives, and the Student Printz for informational and operational purposes.

*Respectfully submitted on October 31, 2018.*