



## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ADVANCE OHIO HIGHER EDUCATION ACT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2025, Governor DeWine signed SB1 into law, now known as *The Advance Ohio Higher Education Act*. This law is intended to help ensure academic excellence at Ohio's public colleges and universities and to assist with responding to changing student demographics, workforce demands and higher costs, per primary sponsor, Senator Jerry Cirino; and

**WHEREAS**, the law will become effective June 27, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the law requires that each university incorporate the following into a "Statement of Commitment".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, effective immediately, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby create the following as its:

### Statement of Commitment:

- (1) Youngstown State University declares that it will educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous intellectual inquiry to seek the truth.
- (2) Youngstown State University declares that its duty is to equip students with the opportunity to develop the intellectual skills they need to reach their own, informed conclusions.
- (3) Youngstown State University declares its commitment to not requiring, favoring, disfavoring, or prohibiting speech or lawful assembly.
- (4) Youngstown State University declares it is committed to create a community dedicated to an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the autonomy of each member, supports individual capacities for growth, and tolerates the differences in opinion that naturally occur in a public higher education community.
- (5) Youngstown State University declares that its duty is to treat all faculty, staff, and students as individuals, to hold them to equal standards, and to provide them equality of opportunity, with regard to those individuals' race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University will post the “State of Commitment” onto its web site as a public expression of its commitment to these principles; that it will post the “Statement of Commitment” along with the University’s mission statement wherever it appears; and that it will include the “Statement of Commitment” to any solicitations, offer of admission to students and any offers of employment to faculty.

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**June 25, 2025**  
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