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GGSA Congress 1 Legislation -- Sept. 26, 2020

Round 1: A Resolution to Require Masks and to Ban Mass Gatherings

WHEREAS, The United States is in the midst of a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has been largely unsuccessful at stopping the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, As of late August 2020, the coronavirus has affected over 5.7 million US citizens and killed over 175 thousand; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: until a COVID-19 vaccine is widely distributed, the federal government issue a national mask mandate; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That: until a COVID-19 vaccine is widely distributed, mass gatherings will be banned, including professional sports and/or their fans.

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Round 2: A Resolution to Restore Democracy in Belarus

- **WHEREAS**, The United States government has rejected Belarus's recent presidential election as neither free nor fair, and
- WHEREAS, Mass protests have broken out demanding the resignation of the self-proclaimed winner

 President Alexander Lukashenko, and
- **WHEREAS,** Opposition leaders and protesters have been arrested as a result of supporting a new leader, and,
- WHEREAS, Opposition candidate Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya has established a coordination council for a peaceful transfer of power after claiming to have won the election; therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED**, By the Student Congress here assembled that the United States government formally recognize Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya as President of Belarus.

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Round 3: A Resolution to Establish Universal Mail in Voting

- **WHEREAS,** An inequity of voting rights exists in the United States because voters in some States have the universal right to vote by mail while voters in other States do not, and
- **WHEREAS**, Many voters often have work, family, or other commitments that make getting to polls on the date of an election difficult or impossible, and
- **WHEREAS**, No evidence exists suggesting the potential for fraud in mail in balloting is greater than the potential for fraud by any other method of voting, and
- **WHEREAS,** Universal mail in voting affirms the essential role our post office plays in our country, therefore, be it
- **RESOLVED,** By the Student Congress here assembled that beginning in 2022 all federal elections will be conducted solely by mail. And be it
- **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That adequate funding required to support this transition be provided by the United States Federal Government.

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