



*WHEREAS*, Marquette University's current enrollment includes 25 percent students of color, making it the most diverse student population in Marquette's history, including 28 percent students of color in its undergraduate program, also the highest in Marquette's history, and 18 percent are students of color in its graduate programs; and

*WHEREAS*, Marquette University's first-year class of 1,974 students is 29 percent students of color and 24 percent first-generation, one of the highest percentages Marquette has seen in its history and the highest since fall 2006; and

*WHEREAS*, the Marquette University Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) was established in 1969 as an institutional program led by Dr. Arnold Mitchem through the combined efforts of students, faculty, and staff who believe that Marquette University had both the opportunity and responsibility to make a Marquette education more accessible to low-income, first-generation and minority students; and

*WHEREAS*, Marquette University's Educational Opportunity Program was the first in the nation, and

