



## Resolution to Support the BAYU System

*A Bill for the Consideration of the University of Michigan Residence Halls Association  
Submitted by the Housing Services Committee: Ashley A. Londy (Chair), Tim Hull (Co-chair), Alex Francisco, Erin Fogarty, Dan Frechtling, and Marc Oliver Enoch  
October 18, 2007*

**Whereas**, the Residence Halls Association (hereinafter RHA) represents approximately 10,000 undergraduate students (hereinafter residents) at the University of Michigan, and;

**Whereas**, the RHA is dedicated to providing a welcoming and comforting community in order to enhance the experience of its residents, as stated in its mission statement, and;

**Whereas**, safeguards are now available at the University of Michigan to inform students of their file sharing activity that they may or may not be aware of, specifically uploading, and;

**Whereas**, many residents engage in peer to peer file sharing, and are often unaware that they may be sharing the entire contents of their personal computers, and;

**Whereas**, residents would benefit from being made aware of any file sharing activity happening on their systems in order to avoid legal disputes with companies that handle copyright infringement lawsuits, and;

**Whereas**, many students do engage in peer to peer file sharing and uploading which is legal in nature and are fully aware of their activities.

**Be It Therefore Resolved that** the RHA supports the new BAYU system created by Housing Information Technology Office (HITO) and the General Counsel for the University.

**Be it Further Resolved that** the RHA supports the flexibility of the system relating to the option given to students to opt out of such notification that they are uploading in peer to peer file sharing.

**Be It Further Resolved that** the BAYU system shall help to create the type of community the RHA strives for in its residence halls.

**Be It Finally Resolved that** the RHA will continue to work with Housing Administration, HITO, and all other affiliates of the University of Michigan to provide the best undergraduate experience possible.

As approved by the Assembly;  
And witnessed by the Chair.

**PASSED**

Andrew O. Eastman  
Chair

10/18/07  
Date

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Vote: Yes/No/Abstain