

**Resolution on the Rejection of the Federal Government's "*Compact for Excellence in Higher Education*" Offered to all American Colleges and Universities on October 13, 2025**

WHEREAS the "*Compact for Excellence in Higher Education*" offers colleges and universities preferential consideration for federal funding in exchange for significant concessions in academic freedom, institutional integrity, and autonomous decision-making that will cede control over these areas to the federal government; and

WHEREAS Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is a major, leading public institution of higher education that has supported independent scholarly inquiry along with other mission-critical educational and service activities since its founding in 1766; and

WHEREAS the Rutgers University Senate is comprised of faculty, staff, students, and alumni, and thus represents and serves the interest of the entire Rutgers University community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate hereby directs the President of Rutgers University to reject the "*Compact for Excellence in Higher Education*" along with all current or future offers of preferential treatment by the federal government in exchange for accommodations or other concessions that would limit academic freedom or institutional integrity.