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To the Heidelberg Community,

Heidelberg University's success depends on making sure that all students feel welcome here. Today, students and scholars from all over the world are a vital part of our community — bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, leading clubs and organizations, and contributing to the vibrant diversity that we all value.

From September 14-23, 2018, we will honor the spirit of unity that is bringing neighbors together across Tiffin, Ohio. NAFSA: Association of Educators has proclaimed that week to be Welcoming Week. We invite all students, faculty and staff of Heidelberg University to join this movement of schools nationwide by renewing our commitment to our core American values and by taking action in the spirit of welcoming.

In addition to opening our doors to international students and promoting intercultural understanding and global awareness at home, Heidelberg has long been committed to providing opportunities for our students to study abroad. Those who step outside of their comfort zone and experience life in another culture often return home transformed, bringing new perspectives, new learning and new understanding back to our campus.

By opening our hearts and minds to new perspectives and by committing ourselves to working together, we can achieve greater understanding and make our university the kind of place where diverse people from around the world feel valued and can learn in harmony with their fellow students. Regardless of where we are born or what we look like, we are the Heidelberg University community, united in our efforts to build a stronger campus and greater future.

Recognizing the contributions that we all make to create a vibrant culture, we make our community more prosperous and more inclusive to all who call it home. Let us come together to build campuses where every student has the opportunity to contribute in ways that are meaningful to them. Let us come together to create more unified communities and to reaffirm that Heidelberg still stands as a beacon of education and opportunity.

The members of the Senior Leadership Team do hereby proclaim the week of September 14, 2018, to be Welcoming Week. Let us join together to build a stronger community for everyone.

Sincerely,

The Senior Leadership Team

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