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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dean of Students Dr. Margarita Arellano
Assistant Dean of Students Kathryn Weiser

DATE: Monday, May 13, 2019

FROM: Corey Benbow, Student Body President *(B)*

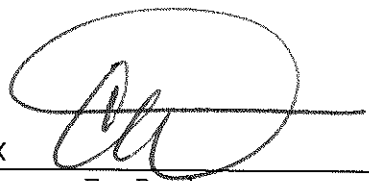
SUBJECT: S.R. 02 A Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy, Racism, and Fascism

I approve of this legislation passed by the Student Government Senate which is to document Student Government's denunciation of toxic, hateful, and fundamentally-intolerant ideologies and call on the University President to do the same.

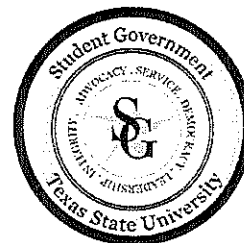
I believe as a university it is important to have our president united on denouncing white supremacy. If we do not call things exactly what they are, then we can not address the underlying cause of division on our campus. The Student Government Senate has taken a strong step in denouncing white supremacy, racism, and fascism. I believe the resolution is important as it calls on the university president to do the same.

As a university we can not be sympathetic to white supremacists. Not denouncing it outright sends a message that as a university we are. I cannot state enough the importance of the university president joining with Student Government and going on the record to denounce the aforementioned things.

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A Resolution

A Resolution to be known as "A Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy, Racism, and Fascism," which documents Student Government's denunciation of toxic, hateful, and fundamentally-intolerant ideologies and calls on the University President to do the same.

- 1 **WHEREAS:** Texas State University is a diverse campus with
2 students from different backgrounds and ideological
3 points of view; and
4 **WHEREAS:** Texas State Student Government serves as the
5 officially-recognized forum for student opinion to the
6 university administration; and
7 **WHEREAS:** A trend of racist activity on the Texas State campus
8 has resulted in a toxic campus atmosphere, starting
9 with the posting of fascist flyers on and around

10 campus in November, December and May 2016, including
11 one large banner over Alkek Library stating "America
12 is a White Nation;" and

13 **WHEREAS:** White supremacist organizations, their sympathizers,
14 and those affiliated with them are known to have been
15 involved in these incidents including the American
16 Vanguard and Patriot Front; and

17 **WHEREAS:** On April 6, 2019, the Senate passed a resolution
18 titled the "Student and Faculty Safety Act of 2019,"
19 which among other things called for the registered
20 student organization Turning Point USA to be "...removed
21 from and barred from returning to campus or receiving
22 University support..." and was later vetoed by former
23 Student Body President Alison Castillo; and

24 **WHEREAS:** On April 21, 2019, a white supremacist group known as
25 Texas Nomads SAR announced on social media they would
26 come to campus on April 24 in protest of the vetoed
27 legislation (later this was rescheduled for May 1)
28 though their exact plans were never fully known; and

29 **WHEREAS:** On May 1, 2019, students gathered in the Quad to
30 counter protest the possible arrival of white
31 supremacists on campus, and after a student-on-student
32 altercation and several interactions between student

33 protesters and on campus police forces, four Texas
34 State student protestors were arrested; and
35 **WHEREAS:** It is essential that all people of good conscience
36 oppose any form of white supremacy, racism, and
37 fascism or else risk loss of the hard-fought rights to
38 life, liberty, and happiness; and

39 **WHEREAS:** It is especially important that institutions and
40 organizations with the power to speak out against
41 white supremacy, racism, and fascism do so,
42 particularly when an organization represents as
43 culturally and politically diverse a place as Texas
44 State University; therefore,

45 **BE IT RESOLVED:** That Student Government denounces white
46 supremacy, racism, and fascism in all its forms;
47 and

48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Student Government urge the
49 University President Dr. Denise Trauth
50 to join us in going on the record with
51 the same denunciation of white
52 supremacy, racism, and fascism; and

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That upon passage, this resolution be
54 forwarded to the Student Body President
55 for further action.