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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 

SUBJECT: S.R. 15 A Resolution Supporting Peaceful Protests, and
Respect for Freedom of Speech and Expression

I approve of this legislation passed by the Student Government Senate
which is to support the right of people to peaceably assemble,
redress, express, and speak on important issues during protest.

Furthermore, The right to peaceably assemble, redress, express, and
speak on important issues at any time is a natural, inherent, and
unalienable right. As such the university administration must do
everything in its power not to infringe on these rights. Please
consider how this legislation may reasonably be implemented in our
Bobcat community.

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A Resolution

A Resolution to be known as "A Resolution Supporting Peaceful Protests, and Respect for Freedom of Speech and Expression," which supports the right of people to peaceably assemble, redress, express, and speak on important issues during protest.

1 **WHEREAS:** Freedom of assembly, the right to redress grievances,
2 the right to free expression, and the right to free
3 speech are cornerstones in the foundation of a fair,
4 free, and democratic society; and

5 **WHEREAS:** Student Government's core values include Democracy and
6 Advocacy, both concepts that require the promotion of
7 robust and sometimes vocal stances on important issues
8 of national, state, local, and campus importance; and

9 **WHEREAS:** On May 1, 2019, students gathered in the Quad to
10 counter protest the possible arrival of white
11 supremacists to the Texas State University campus, and
12 after a student-on-student altercation and several

13 interactions between student protesters and on-campus
14 police forces, four Texas State student protestors
15 were arrested and charged with various misdemeanor
16 offenses; and

17 **WHEREAS:** Any person on the Texas State campus assembling for
18 the purpose of exercising their rights of assembly,
19 redress, expression, and free speech should do so in
20 accordance with the Texas State University Shared
21 Values of free exchange of ideas in a supportive
22 environment, civility, compassion, fairness, respect,
23 and nonviolent and ethical behavior; therefore,

24 **BE IT RESOLVED:** We acknowledge and respect that all people
25 have a legal right to peacefully protest on
26 campus, but we urge persons and groups who
27 cannot adhere to our shared values and
28 principles to consider refraining from
29 protesting at Texas State University; and

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** We call for any group protesting on
31 campus to adhere to our campus's shared
32 values by protesting using nonviolent
33 methods and without antagonizing
34 student bystanders, police, and those
35 who protestors may not agree with,

36 regardless of the protestor's political
37 affiliation; and
38 **BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED:** That upon passage, this resolution be
39 forwarded to the Student Body President
40 for further action.