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1 **A Resolution-**

2 To be known as "A Resolution to Elevate Outdoor Community Spaces
3 with the Implementation of Hammock Stands" relating to Texas
4 State's wealth of free green space and lack of outdoor community
5 and study spots.

6 **WHEREAS:** The Student Government of Texas State University, on
7 behalf of the student body would like to address the limited amount
8 of outdoor gathering spaces and lack of commuter-friendly leisure
9 areas; and

10 **WHEREAS:** According to surveys done by the campus master plan,
11 students have identified outdoor gathering spaces to be a top
12 priority for things they would like to see more of on campus.
13 Further, as an institution focused on integration with nature, it
14 is imperative that Texas State establishes lounge areas within
15 designated green spaces; and

16 **WHEREAS:** The National Health Institute has identified extremely
17 high levels of sleepiness and lack of sleep health among college
18 students and Texas State's counseling center has furthered this
19 research to specify that 43% of students are getting less than
20 seven hours of sleep per night; and

21 **WHEREAS:** Commuter students often struggle to find rest areas
22 between classes and without the proper allocation of time to return
23 home, they are constrained to the limited amount of cushioned
24 seating in Alkek or the uncomfortable, outdoor bench seating around
25 LBJ. Additionally, students have identified the West Mall
26 connector as having the potential to be a community area however
27 it lacks the seating to accomplish this effectively; and

28 **WHEREAS:** Installing 4 dynamic hammock stands that can
29 accommodate up to 16 people (8 large hammocks) in a few key
30 areas on campus could elevate the number of outdoor gathering
31 spaces and offer students more lounge options between classes or
32 after. The key spaces for potential placement are the East-West
33 mall connector, the open field by Harris, and between the Den and
34 JCK building. Branded Promo has maroon and gold hammocks that can
35 be purchased in bulk at a lower per unit cost to be placed on the
36 hammock stands which will allow for this resolution to be both
37 beneficial for students and cost-effective for the university; and

38 **WHEREAS:** Hammocks have proven health benefits including the
39 provision of improved sleep and the ability to fall asleep faster.
40 This will allow for the promotion of restful sleep and low-stress
41 areas to be installed on campus. Hammock stands allow students to
42 cultivate a closer sense of community with one another while also
43 appreciating the natural beauty Texas State's campus has to offer;
44 therefore,

45 **BE IT RESOLVED:** To increase student outdoor gathering spaces,
46 supply commuter students with adequate rest areas, and provide
47 students with ways to embrace the natural beauty on campus, 4
48 hammock stands with the capacity to seat 16 students shall be
49 placed in appropriate green areas (viable options including East-
50 West mall connector, the open field by Harris, and between the Den
51 and JCK building); and

52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** This legislation be forwarded to the
53 Student Body President for further action.