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1 **A Resolution-**

2 To be known as "A Resolution to Expand the Library's Operating
3 Hours During Finals Week to 24 Hours." Relating to the need
4 Texas State students have for a productive study space that is
5 open during later hours.

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7 **WHEREAS:** The Student Government of Texas State University, on
8 behalf of the student body, would like to address students' need
9 and requests for a Library that remains open later than 1 am; and

10 **WHEREAS:** Alkek Library is currently open until 1 am five days a
11 week, with extended hours until 3:30 am on the Friday of finals
12 week; and

13 **WHEREAS:** Our peer institutions each have libraries that are open
14 24 hours. University of North Texas's Willis Library and University
15 of Texas San Antonio's John Peace Library are open 24 hours

16 throughout the semester, and University of Arlington's Central
17 Library is open 24 hours during finals week; and

18 **WHEREAS:** Increasing the availability of the institution's primary
19 study space would provide better access to the library for students
20 who work or commute, giving them more opportunities to study.
21 Students participating in extensive group projects need a common
22 area to meet and collaborate effectively during late hours.
23 Additionally, students like those in Interior Design often have
24 assignments which require significant table space that the library
25 is optimal for. However, they cannot complete their projects
26 effectively if they have to search for another space at 1 am; and

27 **WHEREAS:** Resources provided by academic libraries increase student
28 retention and student success, extending operating hours would
29 promote increased access to resources that the university already
30 has and effectively further the University's goals of academic and
31 student success; and

32 **WHEREAS:** Students at Texas State University have voiced their
33 desire for a 24/7 library during open forums, discussions on the
34 quad, and various conversations with their student
35 representatives. By extending the library's operating hours on a
36 limited basis during finals week, the university can start to
37 address these student requests and explore the possibility of
38 permanently expanding library hours in the future; and

39 **WHEREAS:** The additional hours that the library is open could be
40 designated to specific floors (ie. The first and second) to
41 conserve energy and consolidate the space needed to be monitored.

42 **BE IT RESOLVED:** Texas State University's Alkek Library expand its
43 operation to 24 hours from April 29th, 2025, to May 7th, 2025, for
44 the duration of finals week to address student needs and
45 increase academic success.

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