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A Resolution-

To be known as “A Resolution to incorporate a Bobcat Guardian user training and information session as a part of Bobcat Preview and New Student Orientation,” calling for the incorporation of a Bobcat Guardian information session into Bobcat Preview and New Student Orientation at Texas State University

WHEREAS: Texas State University aims to provide a safe and conducive learning environment in which all students can broadcast, refine and develop their talents; and
WHEREAS: One of the main attractions of Texas State is a beautiful
campus in which students are encouraged to explore and
journey throughout the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS: As we expand as a university and begin to reach new heights
of development, it is important that we continue to value
and address student safety; and

WHEREAS: Texas State University, and more specifically the
University Police Department work countless hours to ensure
the safety of our campus community; and

WHEREAS: UPD requires the assistance of the student body and the San
Marcos community in order to ensure the safety of the
campus community; and

WHEREAS: The University Police Department offers multiple resources
aimed at ensuring and improving student safety which
include offering self-defense classes such as Krav Maga,
the TXState Alert system, and most recently Bobcat
Guardian; and

WHEREAS: Bobcat Guardian is a smart phone app that provides
students, faculty and staff multiple safety features some
including the “Call Button,” which gives direct and
immediate connection to campus police with GPS location and
personal profile information and “Tip texting,” which
enables anonymous two-way crime tip reporting through text
messages and images. The app also provides personal
guardians and safety timing in which students can designate campus safety, friends, roommates or even family members as “Guardians,” who are notified if the timer is not deactivated before it expires, which can be indicative of a safety concern; and

WHEREAS: A significant amount of work and preparation is dedicated by the University Police Department to creating these services and making them available for the campus community; and

WHEREAS: These services are being underutilized due to a lack of awareness of their accessibility, a lack of comprehension of their designed purpose, and a lack of recognition of the benefits of partaking in these programs; and

WHEREAS: These services have the potential to drastically increase safety not only on campus, but in the surrounding areas of the San Marcos community as well; Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That an information session on what Bobcat Guardian is, how it works and where it can be downloaded be incorporated as a mandatory component of Bobcat Preview and New Student Orientation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon passage, this information session be implemented beginning with the very first session of Bobcat Preview and New
Student Orientation prior to the start of the Fall 2017 semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon passage, this piece of legislation be forwarded to Student Body President Andrew Homann for further action.