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A Simple Resolution-

To be known as “Speaking Out Against Racism” calling for the collective agreement of the Senate condemning anti-diversity rhetoric on campus, to stand with our diverse student population and encourage the Texas State University administration to consider criminal charges moving forward with this investigation.

Whereas: For the second year in a row there have been several white supremacist and antisemitic flyers placed throughout campus promoting racial prejudice and violence; and

Whereas: Texas State University takes pride in our majority-minority student population; and

Whereas: In an email to the students last year, President Denise Trauth, in a public letter opening Campus Watch 2017, stated that “Our top priority at Texas State University is to provide a safe educational environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors;” and this year in a similar email stated, “A series of these incidents have shown us we need to be strategic and comprehensive in how we address the impact these hateful messages have on our university climate;” and

Whereas: Student Government President Ruben Becerra Jr. and Vice President Alison Castillo have released a statement speaking out against these callous acts; and

Whereas: It is crucial that we as Senators acknowledge the oath taken to represent all students at Texas State University while deploring these vile statements, letting the student population understand that the Senate as a whole stands with them; and

Whereas: According to the Defamation League, “Between the November 2016 election and

December, neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups targeted Texas State at least 10 times, more than any other school in the United States over that period;" and

Whereas: Hate crimes are defined as "criminal offenses committed against a people or property that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias. Bias is a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, age, gender, gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity/national origin or on the basis of veterans' status." (University Police Department Campus Watch 2017); and

Whereas: Intimidation is a criminal charge defined as "to unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack." (University Police Department Campus Watch 2017); therefore,

Be it Resolved: In order to preserve the University's core values, the legislative body that is Texas State University's Student Government Senate must act together in condemning these white supremacist and anti-Semitic acts, calling upon the Texas State Administration to fully consider severe criminal charges against these individuals as well as their release of identification once they have been apprehended; and

Be it Further Resolved: That upon passage of this simple resolution, this legislation be forwarded to the Student Body President for further action.