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**A Resolution-**

**A Resolution to be known as “A Resolution of Disapproval of the UPD Actions and the Implementation of De-escalation and Ally Training for all UPD Officers” which documents Student Government’s disapproval of UPD’s actions on May first and calls on them to adopt industry standard best practices for campus protests and implement de-escalation certification.**

**WHEREAS:** On May 1,2019 students gathered in the Quad to counter protest the possible arrival of white supremacists to the Texas State University campus; and

**WHEREAS:** After a student on student altercation and several interactions between student protesters and on campus police forces, 4 Texas State student protestors were arrested and charged with various misdemeanor offences; and

**WHEREAS:** The University Police Department (UPD) and partner police agencies failed to adequately de-escalate the scene; and

**WHEREAS:** The International Association of College and University Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) provides Protest Preparation and Response Training which can help UPD implement generally accepted best practices for crowd control and protest response in the unique setting of a university campus; and

**WHEREAS:** It is critical UPD show students they understand not just the facts of the incidents on May 1, 2019, but the perceptions students feel related to their safety while exercising their freedom of assembly, the right to redress grievances, the right to free expression, and the right to free speech; THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Texas State Student Government disapproves of the actions of the Texas State University Police Department for their failure to de-escalate student-led counter protests on May 1, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Texas State Student Government calls on UPD to conduct yearly internal de-escalation and training focused on protests and counter protests; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** We call on UPD to engage IACLEA in these training efforts including conducting Protest Preparation and Response Training;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The University Police Department will meet once every six months with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Texas State Student Government strongly encourages the University Police Department ensure all hires receive Allies training to become Official Allies of Texas State through the office of Student Diversity and Inclusion; and

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