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**A Resolution**

To be entitled the **Administrative Apology Resolution**, requesting Texas State University Board of Regents, President Denise Trauth, Vice President Eric Algoe, Vice President Joanne Smith, and Chief of Police Laurie Clouse*,* issue formal apologies to the student body for the violent arrests made on May 1st, mishandling of racial issues, the consistent loyalty to white-supremacist groups, and putting the student body in danger.

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University has one of the highest numbers of white supremacist incidents of any university in the United States ([Inside Texas State’s Year of Hate](https://www.statesman.com/news/20181005/inside-texas-states-year-of-hate-neo-nazi-propaganda-fight)); and

**WHEREAS:** “On Dec. 3 [of 2017], university police stopped several men inside the school’s San Jacinto garage carrying stacks of Patriot Front flyers. The men were given a warning, which police said would give them the authority to issue citations if they came back on campus. The school has refused to release police reports from that night, but San Marcos police say Sailors, the former student, was one of three men stopped that same night by San Marcos police” ([Austin American Statesman](https://www.statesman.com/news/20180408/8-white-supremacists-warned-with-criminal-trespass-after-posting-racist-flyers-texas-state-police-say)) ; and

**WHEREAS:** Violent white supremacists recently have begun visiting our campus at high frequency again. Chris Ritchie visiting two days after a Student Government meeting, Proud Boys attended a Student Government meeting, Patriot Front flyerd campus on April 29th, and Texas Nomads organized two separate marches on campus April 23rd and May 1st; and

**WHEREAS:** Texas Nomads cancelled their marches not because of the University pressuring them to not attend, but because of student protest of their attendance; and

**WHEREAS:** White supremacy is terrorism and inherently violent; and

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University has made no attempt to make campus safer for students or faculty from white supremacists or nazis; and

**WHEREAS:** On May 1st University Police violently assaulted and arrested multiple students unlawfully; and

**WHEREAS:** The administration is responsible for cultivating campus climate, including safety and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS:** Statements in the past have not sufficiently acknowledged racism against minority communities and therefore has let racism rise to a point of power that is absolutely unacceptable; and,

**WHEREAS:** The administration has only denounced “racism” one time, in the case of a university star opinion column calling out white supremacy, claiming that the author’s content was racist; and

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Texas State Student Senate hereby calls for a formal apology be made by UPD Chief of Police Laurie Clouse, Vice President of Financial Services Eric Algoe,  Vice President of Student Affairs Joanne Smith, Provost Eugene Bourgeois, President Denise Trauth, and the entire Board of Regents explicitly including

(a) the incredible and unlawful violence used on student protestors on May 1st,

(b) the consistent mishandling of racial issues on campus by higher administration,

(c) the inappropriate loyalty and protection to white supremacist groups that have visited and terrorized Texas State University

(d) the danger that these mishandlings and protection of white supremacy put Texas State University students, faculty, and staff in; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Texas State Student Senate do not wish for this apology to be made because of an obligation, but rather because the administration understands their wrongdoing and wishes to correct past behavior; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That upon passage, this resolution be sent to student body president and aforementioned campus administrators for further action.