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**A Resolution –**

**A Resolution to be known as “A Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy, Racism, and Fascism” which documents Student Government’s denunciation of toxic, hateful, and fundamentally-intolerant ideologies and calls on the University President to do the same.**

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University is a diverse campus with students from different backgrounds and ideological points of view; and

**WHEREAS:**  Texas State Student Government serves as the officially-recognized forum for student opinion to the university administration; and

**WHEREAS:** A trend of racist activity on the Texas State campus has resulted in a toxic campus atmosphere, starting with the posting of fascist flyers on and around campus in November, December and May 2016, including one large banner over Alkek Library stating “America is a White Nation”; and

**WHEREAS:** White supremacist organizations, their sympathizers, and those affiliated with them are known to have been involved in these incidents including the American Vanguard and Patriot Front; and

**WHEREAS:** Furthermore, On November 28th, 2017, a divisive opinion piece titled “Your DNA is an Abomination” which among other things condemned “whiteness” and stated that “Ontologically speaking, white death will mean liberation for all…” in the University Star, further dividing the campus community and sparking outrage from students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and

**WHEREAS**: On April 6, 2019, the Senate passed a resolution titled the “Student and Faculty Safety Act of 2019” which among other things called for the registered student organization Turning Point USA to be “…removed from and barred from returning to campus or receiving University support…” and was later vetoed by former Student Body President Alison Castillo; and

**WHEREAS:** On April 21, 2019, a white supremacist group known as Texas Nomads SAR announced on social media they would come to campus on April 24 in protest of the vetoed legislation – later this was rescheduled for May 1, though their exact plans were never fully known; and

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

**WHEREAS:** It is essential that all people of good conscience oppose any form of white supremacy, racism, and fascism or else risk loss of the hard-fought rights to life, liberty, and happiness; and

**WHEREAS:** It is especially important that institutions and organizations with the power to speak out against white supremacy, racism, and fascism do so, particularly when an organization represents as culturally and politically diverse a place as Texas State University; NOW, THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Student Government denounces white supremacy, racism, and fascism in all its forms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Student Government urge the University President Dr. Denise Trauth to join us in going on the record with the same denunciation of white supremacy, racism, and fascism; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That upon passage, this resolution be forwarded to the Student Body President for further action.