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**A Resolution -**

**To be known as “A Resolution to amend the TX State Alert System from an opt-in to an opt-out system which will serve to ensure that students, staff and faculty members are all promptly notified of emergency situations and incidents on and around campus” in order to ensure the safety of the Texas State campus community.**

**WHEREAS:** As Texas State continues to grow and expand there are alot of aspects of our University that are being changed and new policies that are being implemented in order to accomodate and facilitate our growing student population and its needs**;** and

**WHEREAS:** Technology has become an incredibly important means of communication and a rather dominant part of our society; and

**WHEREAS:** The TX State Alert System is a vital service that is offered by the University Police Department, it is not being utilized to its full potential by the campus community if students are not signed up to receive text alerts; and

**WHEREAS:** The current TXState Alert System is an opt-in system in which students have to request to recieve emergency text notifications and updates**;** and

**WHEREAS:** Although the email emergency alert system is very good in terms of notifying the student body of emergency situations, students are not always in a position to check their emails; and

**WHEREAS:** If everyone could receive a text message when an emergency has occurred it would allow more members of the campus community to be notified and aware of what is partaking in our surroundings; and

**WHEREAS:**  An opt-out system would allow for more members of the campus community to receive important information in regards to emergencies such as weather alerts, criminal activity etc. and this would lead to the possible apprehension of suspects more promptly and drastically improve the quality of information the University Police Department Receives; Therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the current TX State Alert System be amended from an opt-in to an opt-out system; and

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That if students choose to not receive emergency text alert notifications they do have the option to opt out of the text alert system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That upon passage, this piece of legislation be forwarded to President Trauth’s Cabinet, specifically the Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Joanne Smith and Student Body President, Lauren Stotler, for further action.