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**A Resolution**

To be entitled the **Immunity Acknowledgement Resolution** **of May 2019,** requesting immunity for student protestors from Texas State University and Texas State University System administration.

**WHEREAS:** The University Policy and Procedure Statements (UPPS) combined with the Student Code of Conduct outlines the code of conduct by which students must adhere in order to exercise their first amendment rights to freedom of speech and assembly, specifically Student Code of Conduct Section 2.02 Conduct Prohibited, and the UPPS Disruptive Activities Policy; and,

**WHEREAS:** Those who participated or are currently participating in the Texas State Sit In 2 have abided by these policies and procedures to the best of their ability while retaining the ability to organize peacefully; and,

**WHEREAS:** Protests are vital to maintaining a civically aware citizenry, and therefore should not be stifled with unnecessary burden, including threats by their government/administration; therefore,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That students who participated in the Texas State Sit In 2 be immune to Student Conduct Sanctions by Texas State University; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That disciplinary action taken against students who violate(d) the University Policies: Policy and Procedure Statements not result in expulsion, but rather proceed through an avenue of discipline by which the actions of the students are reviewed by their peers; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Texas State University Student Senate oppose any attempt by the administration to threaten students who exercise their first amendment rights with expulsion, arrest, or any other type of excessive punishment in hopes of disbanding a peaceful assembly; and,

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