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A Resolution-

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To be known as "A Resolution to incorporate a Bobcat Guardian user training and information session as a part of Bobcat Preview and New Student Orientation," calling for the incorporation of a Bobcat Guardian information session into Bobcat Preview and New Student Orientation at Texas State University

1 **WHEREAS:** Texas State University aims to provide a safe and conducive

2 learning environment in which all students can broadcast,

3 refine and develop their talents; and

4	**WHEREAS:**	One of the main attractions of Texas State is a beautiful
5		campus in which students are encouraged to explore and
6		journey throughout the surrounding area; and
7	**WHEREAS:**	As we expand as a university and begin to reach new heights
8		of development, it is important that we continue to value
9		and address student safety; and
10	**WHEREAS:**	Texas State University, and more specifically the
11		University Police Department work countless hours to ensure
12		the safety of our campus community; and
13	**WHEREAS:**	UPD requires the assistance of the student body and the San
14		Marcos community in order to ensure the safety of the
15		campus community; and
16	**WHEREAS:**	The University Police Department offers multiple resources
17		aimed at ensuring and improving student safety which
18		include offering self-defense classes such as Krav Maga,
19		the TXState Alert system, and most recently Bobcat
20		Guardian; and
21	**WHERAES:**	Bobcat Guardian is a smart phone app that provides
22		students, faculty and staff multiple safety features some
23		including the "Call Button," which gives direct and
24		immediate connection to campus police with GPS location and
25		personal profile information and "Tip texting," which
26		enables anonymous two-way crime tip reporting through text
27		messages and images. The app also provides personal

28		guardians and safety timing in which students can designate
29		campus safety, friends, roommates or even family members as
30		"Guardians," who are notified if the timer is not
31		deactivated before it expires, which can be indicative of a
32		safety concern; and
33	**WHEREAS:**	A significant amount of work and preparation is dedicated
34		by the University Police Department to creating these
35		services and making them available for the campus
36		community; and
37	**WHEREAS:**	These services are being underutilized due to a lack of
38		awareness of their accessibility, a lack of comprehension
39		of their designed purpose, and a lack of recognition of the
40		benefits of partaking in these programs; and
41	**WHEREAS:**	These services have the potential to drastically increase
42		safety not only on campus, but in the surrounding areas of
43		the San Marcos community as well; Therefore
44	**BE IT RESOLVED:**	That an information session on what Bobcat Guardian
45		is, how it works and where it can be downloaded be
46		incorporated as a mandatory component of Bobcat
47		Preview and New Student Orientation.
48	**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**	That upon passage, this information session
49		be implemented beginning with the very
50		first session of Bobcat Preview and New

51		Student Orientation prior to the start of
52		the Fall 2017 semester.
53	**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**	That upon passage, this piece of
54		legislation be forwarded to Student Body
55		President Andrew Homann for further action.