A Resolution -

To be known as - “A Resolution to Provide Student Identification Card Safety Resources” calling on Texas State University to provide easy-to-access crisis phone numbers on the back of all university issued IDs in an effort to ensure those in crisis have quick access to the resources they may require.

WHEREAS: It is the duty of Student Government to be proactive in advocating for the health and safety of our fellow students; and

WHEREAS: The University of Texas Student Government recently unanimously passed legislation to provide the national suicide prevention hotline number to be on the back of all issued student identification cards¹ (Goard); and

WHEREAS: There is a growing trend of universities utilizing the space on the back of student identification cards to provide resources to be accessed in times of emergency.

or crisis, such as the University of North Texas or through a mandate in California requiring the suicide prevention hotline be listed on all student IDs² (Hudson); and

WHEREAS: Texas State University has the same obligation to provide these invaluable resources to all Bobcats to support those who may be in a mental health crisis or experiencing violence or assault; and

WHEREAS: It is reported that of undergraduates, 23.1% of females and 5.4% of males experience rape or sexual assault through violent means³ (RAINN); and

WHEREAS: It is also reported that 21% of college students report having experienced dating violence by a current partner and 32% report experiencing dating violence by a previous partner⁴ (Libertin); and

WHEREAS: Mental health and domestic violence issues are common amongst the college student population; and

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³ https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence
⁴ https://hawcdv.org/the-truth-about-domestic-violence-on-college-campus/
WHEREAS: Suicide is reported to be the second most common cause of death amongst college students\(^1\) (Burrell); therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Texas State University Student Government requests that Auxiliary Services begin an overall review of the current design layout of all university-issued identification cards to clearly contain all the following information:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- Hays-Caldwell Women’s Center: 512-396-4357
- Bobcat Bobbies: 512-245-7233
- Mental Health Crisis Hotline: 512-245-2208 (8a.m. – 5p.m.)
  o All other hours: 1-877-466-0660


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Commented [CR4]: Additional resource for student safety. Similar information included on UNT student IDs

Commented [CR5]: Following from UNT example, it may be a good idea to include a variety of both university as well as national resources.
BE IT RESOLVED: The updated cards should be provided to all students at no additional cost to them, not requiring any new photos to be taken for those with pre-existing cards; and

BE IT RESOLVED: The updated cards should be created and made available by the Spring 2020 semester; and

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