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### In Support of Relationship Violence Prevention Month

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**WHEREAS**, Student Government serves as the official voice of students at the University of Texas at Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Over 4 in 10 college students have experienced relationship violence; and<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, The University of Texas at Austin has resources to help students who are survivors of relationship and/or sexual violence get the support they need; and

**WHEREAS**, Relationship violence is an issue that will affect over 20% of women in their lifetime and 7% of men in their lifetime; and <sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Relationship violence is often an invisible issue, and learning to see the red flags could help someone in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Voices Against Violence (VAV), a program of the Counseling and Mental Health Center, organizes Relationship Violence Prevention Month on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, The purpose of Relationship Violence Prevention Month is to spread knowledge in order to empower those in need; and

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1 National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women, 1996.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/txtfiles1/nij/183781.txt>

2 American Medical Association, Relationship Violence Among Female and Male College Undergraduate Students, 2008.

[http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/data/Journals/PEDS/9213/poa80007\\_634\\_641.pdf](http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/data/Journals/PEDS/9213/poa80007_634_641.pdf)





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**WHEREAS**, Relationship Violence Prevention Month marks the start of VAV's second annual "Be an Anchor" fundraising campaign, where student organizations commit to support the VAV Survivor's Emergency Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Relationship Violence Prevention Month will feature many events such as the Texas Muslim Student's Association's Fundraising Dinner in co-sponsorship with Voices Against Violence to support the VAV Survivor's Emergency Fund, the Rally for Healthy Relationships for the purpose of engaging the university community in an informative discussion about healthy relationships, the Get Sexy. Get Consent. performances to illustrate to the UT community on how we negotiate consent, and Breaking the Silence to provide a safe space for survivors and allies to share about experiences of relationship violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rally for Healthy Relationships seeks to create a culture of prevention of relationship violence by encouraging students to commit to the 7 C's of healthy relationships: consent, communication, care, consideration, compassion, conflict resolution, and collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, Breaking the Silence, an event co-sponsored by Services for Students with Disabilities, will also highlight how individuals with disabilities are disproportionately affected by relationship violence<sup>3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Through Relationship Violence Prevention Month, Voices Against Violence hopes to shed light on: what relationship violence is, what we can do to help those experiencing relationship violence, what resources are available on campus to survivors of relationship violence, and how relationship violence can be prevented; and

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3 <http://www.womenshealth.gov/violence-against-women/types-of-violence/violence-against-women-with-disabilities.html>



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**WHEREAS**, the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin promotes the safety and protection of all students on and off campus; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin understands the importance of educating students about relationship violence and making available resources known to survivors of relationship violence.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin commends the efforts of Voices Against Violence, a program of the Counseling and Mental Health Center, to bring about awareness of relationship violence and its significance among the students on campus, and encourages students to take part in events during the month of October.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Counseling and Mental Health Center, Office of the Vice President for University Operations, Office of the Provost, University Residence Hall Association, Gender and Sexuality Center, School of Social Work, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, the Dean of Students, Multicultural Engagement Center, Services for Students with Disabilities, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, The Senate of College Councils, University of Texas Police Department, The Graduate Student Assembly, The Daily Texan, and The Horn.

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