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### In Support of Sexual 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,** More than 1 in 4 female students and 1 in 16 male students will be sexually assaulted while in college<sup>[1]</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS,** The University of Texas provides assistance and a variety of resources to survivors of sexual assault; and,

**WHEREAS,** Sexual violence is an issue that will affect over 1 in 3 women<sup>[2]</sup> in their lifetime and 1 in 6 men in their lifetime<sup>[3]</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS,** Sexual violence is often minimized and denied which leads to underreporting; and,

**WHEREAS,** The purpose of Sexual Violence Prevention Month is to educate the community about sexual violence, empower those in need, and assist in the prevention of sexual violence in the future; and,

**WHEREAS,** Sexual Violence Prevention Month will highlight events such as *Take Back the Night* to provide a safe space for survivors and allies to share their experiences of sexual violence, the *Get Sexy. Get Consent.* performances for the purpose of engaging the university community in an informative discussion about healthy relationships, and *Interrupting Rape Culture*, a BeVocal student-led workshop to discuss how our everyday language can either contribute to or prevent rape culture; and,

**WHEREAS,** Through Sexual Violence Prevention Month, Voices Against Violence, a program of the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center, aims to inform students on what sexual violence is, how it can be prevented, how to assist those who have experienced sexual violence, and what the University of Texas can provide for survivors of sexual violence; and,

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin praises the work of Voices Against Violence to spread knowledge of sexual violence and prevention and encourages students to participate in events during the month of April; and therefore,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this resolution be sent to Nancy A Brazzil, Deputy to the President, the Office of University President Powers, Dr. Gage Painc of the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Soncia-Lily of the Dean of Students Office, Dr. Langlois of the Dean of Graduate Student Office, 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, 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 Daily Texan*, and *The Horn*.

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[1] [http://nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications\\_nsvrc\\_factsheet\\_media-packet\\_statistics-about-sexual-violence\\_0.pdf](http://nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/publications_nsvrc_factsheet_media-packet_statistics-about-sexual-violence_0.pdf)

[2] <http://www.woar.org/resources/sexual-assault-statistics.php>

[3] <http://www.woar.org/resources/male-sexual-violence.php>