S.R. 72-36

Texas A&M University The Student Senate 72nd Session

Latinx Graduation Ceremony Resolution

"A resolution stating that the Texas A&M Student Senate supports the second annual Latinx
Graduation Ceremony"

Action Taken

Certified By:

Eric Mendoza

Speaker of the Senaté

Date Passed: 1/22/2025

Introduced By:

Edgar Rivera, Chair of Council for Minority Student Affairs, Off Campus

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Whereas(1): Part of Texas A&M University's mission statement is to welcome and serve

persons of all racial, ethnic and geographical groups; and,

Whereas(2): The 71st Session of the Texas A&M Student Senate voted to pass a resolution

supporting the inaugural Latinx Graduation Ceremony; and,

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Whereas(3): As of Fall 2019, Hispanic undergraduate enrollment was a record of 13,147 and

roughly 24.5 percent of total undergraduate enrollment, moving Texas A&M closer to the 25 percent threshold to be designated as a Hispanic Serving

Institution; and,

Whereas(4): Hispanic students currently make up around. 21.94 percent of the student body

adding up to 15,238 students; and,

Whereas(5): Peer universities such as Harvard, UC Berkeley, Ohio State and the University of

Texas host annual Latinx graduation ceremonies to recognize the

accomplishments of Latina/o graduates; and,

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The Texas A&M Student Senate supports and encourages the second annual

Latinx Graduation Ceremony taking place on May 5th; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): The Texas A&M Student Senate calls upon administration to support this program

to ensure the success of this ceremony and future ones; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(3): The Texas A&M Student Senate recognizes these underrepresented student

experiences and the need for a space for them to reflect on their accomplishments

and celebrate this success within their familial and cultural context; and,

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Let it be Further

Resolved(4):

A copy of this resolution be sent to:

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Dr. Carol A. Fierke, Provost and Executive Vice President, Texas

A&M University

Dr. Daniel J Pugh. Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs, Texas A&M

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The Latinx Community & Advocacy Association

The Student Conference on Latinx Affairs

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Mexican Student Association

Latinx Graduate Student Association

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