S.R. 72-45

Texas A&M University The Student Senate 72nd Session

In Support of DRAGgieland Resolution

"A resolution in support of freedom of expression and LGBTQ+ culture."

Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:

Eric Mendoza

Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 2/10/2020

Introduced By: Hunter Martin, Off Campus Caucus

Collin Tran, Off Campus Caucus Iman Ahmed, On Campus Caucus

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Clarissa Rodriguez, Diversity and Inclusion Chair, Engineering Caucus

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Hannah Spurr, Constituency Affairs Chair, Liberal Arts Caucus

Whereas(1): MSC Town Hall in collaboration with the Texas A&M LGBTQ+ Pride Center is

hosting DRAGgieland 2020 on February 19th; and,

Whereas(2): This is the first on-campus drag show in the history of the university; and,

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Whereas(3): Tickets for the event are already fully sold out, and many Aggies are excited to

see an event that expands diversity and inclusion of different cultures, and

LGBTQ+ orientations and backgrounds; and,

Whereas(4): DRAGgieland is fully funded by ticket sales for the event, and,

Whereas(5): President Michael K. Young addressed the backlash towards the event stating that

"our academic community is enriched and strengthened by those who bring new

perspectives, new ideas and new innovations to the heart of our campus."

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The 72nd session of the Student Senate recognizes DRAGgieland as an event that

commemorates and celebrates LGBTQ+ culture on our campus; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): The Student Senate stands against discrimination and hate of all kinds, including

homophobic and transphobic rhetoric; and,

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Resolved(3): The Student Senate recognizes that DRAGgieland is in alignment with Texas

A&M University's core values, and rejects calls for its cancellation; and,

Let it be

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Resolved(4): The Texas A&M Student Senate respects students' first amendment right to the

freedom of expression, as long as it does not harm the students of the university;

and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(5): The Student Senate welcomes the world famous Drag Queen Monique Heart to

Aggieland; and,

Texas A&M University

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Let it be **Further**

Resolved(6): A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University

Dr. Robin R. Means Coleman, Associate Provost for Diversity

Monique Heart

LGBTQ+ Pride Center

MSC Town Hall

MUA Ags

The Battalion