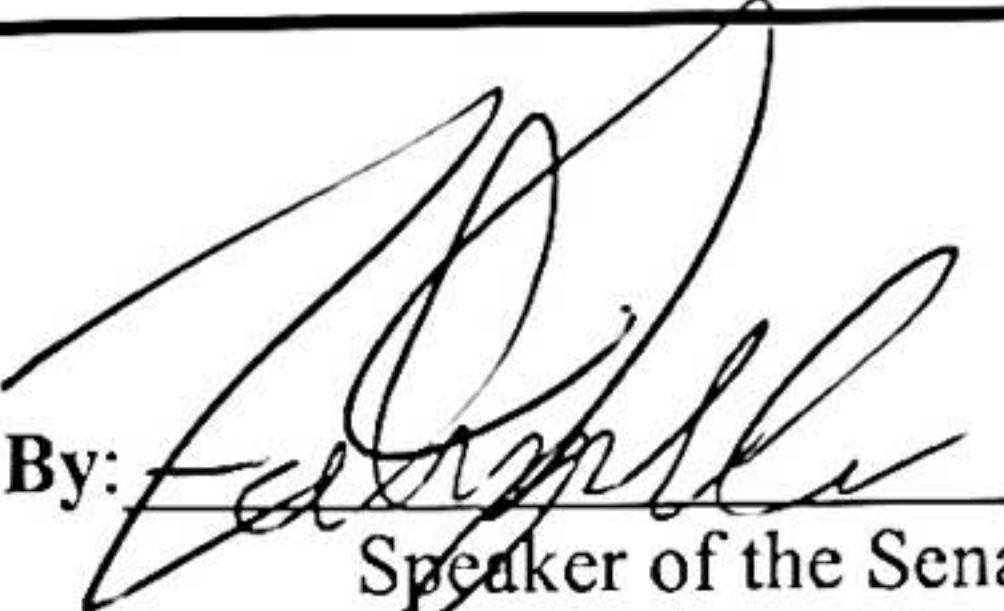




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Whereas(3): Domestic violence is defined as a type of interpersonal violence that someone can experience at any point in the life course. The types of domestic violence include instances of sexual assault, stalking, physical abuse, economic or emotional abuse, including behaviors that are intended to intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, or isolate someone₃; and,

Whereas(4): Since the passing of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994, the first comprehensive federal legislative act designed to end domestic violence, the overall rate of domestic violence dropped nearly two-thirds between the years of 1993 and 2010; and,

Whereas(5): According to the most recent Association of American Universities Surveys on Sexual Assault and Misconduct in 2019, the following was determined from students at Texas A&M who participated: 12.9% of students experienced intimate partner violence; 27% of female, 7.2% of male, 14.7% of transgender, queer, and non-binary students experienced some form of sexual assault due to physical force or incapacitation; 42.7% experienced sexual harassment from another student, faculty or staff member; and 19.4 % experienced stalking₃; and,

Whereas (6) : On page 58 of Texas A&M's 2019 Annual Security Report, statistics show the increase in domestic violence and stalking cases that have occurred across campus from 2013 to 2018. The report also states that "The 2017 Clery statistics for "Sex Offenses, Rape" and "Dating Violence" show an increase over the same statistics from 2016. Most of the increase (50 of the total 2017 counts of "Sex Offenses, Rape" and "Dating Violence" in the on campus and residential facilities categories) can be attributed to incidents that occurred involving one respondent over the course of relationships with two complainants"₄; and,

Whereas (7) : During the COVID-19 pandemic, data has shown a spike in the number of domestic violence cases. Abusers are experiencing heightened financial pressures and stress, increasing their consumption of alcohol or drugs, and purchasing or hoarding guns as an emergency measure, as victims are isolated in violent homes that lack access to resources and social networks₅.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The 73rd Session of Student Senate officially recognizes the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and,

³<https://studentlife.tamu.edu/hp/topics/ivp/dvpam/>

⁴<https://nokwv2p4iir3h3frsml79d3t-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CSAnnualSecurityReport>



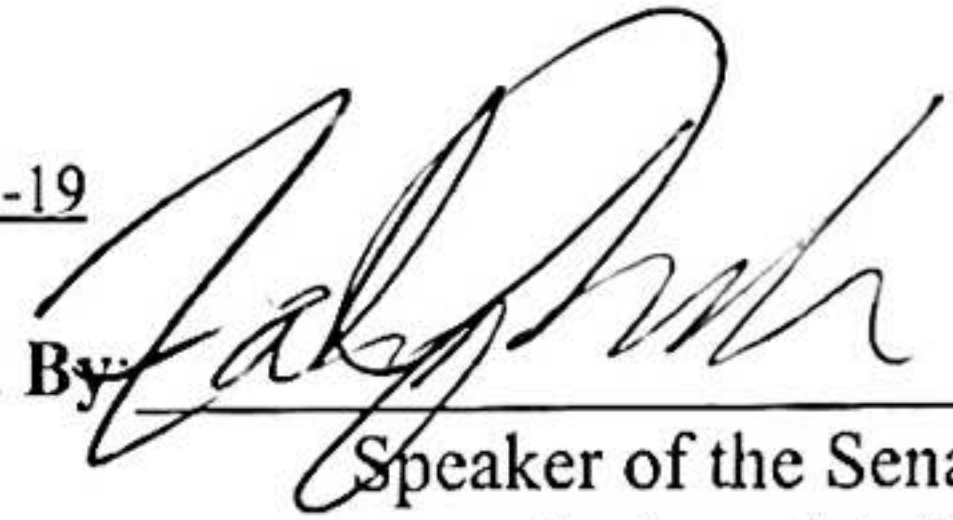
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5 <https://www.cfr.org/in-brief/double-pandemic-domestic-violence-age-covid-19>

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Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(2): The 73rd Session of Student Senate denounces all forms of domestic violence, regardless of age, race, gender, orientation, socioeconomic status, immigration status, nationality, ethnicity, and religion; and,

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(3): The 73rd Session of Student Senate stands with all survivors of domestic violence and supports their journeys to self-recovery; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(4): The 73rd Student Senate Body commends the Office of the Dean of Student Life and Health Promotions for hosting a series of virtual events for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2020₃, such as #SurvivorSpeaks, The Silent Witness Project, Prevention Panel, Stand Up Workshop, and many more, to help students, faculty, and staff cope with domestic violence and cater to survivors; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(5): The 73rd Session of Student Senate encourages all Aggies who have experienced domestic violence or know those who have to access local resources such as Twin City Mission's Domestic Violence Services and Sexual Assault Resource Center in Bryan, Texas, and university resources such HelpLine, CAPS, the Title IX Office, and the Student Conduct Office; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(6): A copy of this resolution be sent to:
President Michael K. Young
The Battalion
Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, *Vice President For Student Affairs*
Dr. Anne Reber, *Dean of Student Life*
Mary Ann Covey, *Director of Counseling & Psychological Services*
Student Conduct Office



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary McCue", written over a horizontal line.

Speaker of the Senate
Zachary McCue

Dorothy Nevill, *CEO of Twin City Mission's Domestic Violence Services*
Sexual Assault Resource Center
Jennifer Smith, *Title IX Office Coordinator*

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