

Texas A&M University
Graduate and Professional Student Council
General Assembly
2016-2017 Session

**A Resolution in support of the Silent Witness Project and a call for
more visual displays to promote awareness of sexual assault and
domestic violence**

Presented by Alisha Ahamed on November 15, 2016

- Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Council exists to govern and to serve as the voice of all graduate and professional students at Texas A&M University.
- Whereas: The Silent Witness project is a travelling memorial to victims and survivors of partner violence consisting of 10 red, life-size silhouettes that are part of the exhibit.
- Whereas: Texas A&M's Silent Witness Project is a part of the Silent Witness National Initiative whose goal it is to eliminate domestic murders in the United States by the year 2020.
- Whereas: According to the Texas Council on Family Violence, 132 women were killed by their partners in the state of Texas in 2014. Of those 132 women, 5 (approx 3.5%) were from counties surrounding the Bryan-College Station area.
- Whereas: The presence of the memorial serves not only for educational purposes but is also an excellent visual reminder of partner violence.
- Let it be Resolved: That the Graduate and Professional Student Council commends the efforts of the Office of CLEAR in bringing attention to this issue.
- Let it be Further Resolved: That the Graduate and Professional Student Council also requests for more visual displays that educate students on various issues including Step In Stand Up, domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and bystander intervention.
- Let it be Further Resolved: A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:
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Action Taken: _____

Certified By: _____

Christian Nygren
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Date: _____

Duly Approved By: _____

Paul Tael
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