

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

**A Joint Resolution with The University of Texas’
Graduate Student Assembly for Support of the
2017 Orange & Maroon Legislative Day**

Presented by Paul Taele on February 7, 2017

Whereas: Orange & Maroon Legislative Day is a nonpartisan campaign spearheaded by the alumni chapters of the two premier flagship academic universities in Texas, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University. The two universities and their respective alumni will unite on Feb 15, 2017, to celebrate Orange & Maroon Legislative Day and promote higher education in the state of Texas.

Whereas: The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University boast a strong alumni network with more than 941,000 alumni and a combined student enrollment of more than 117,000 students. With more than 27,000 degrees awarded each year, both universities serve as premier academic institutions for students and beacons in higher education.

Whereas: The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University advocate for research and teaching missions that benefit the State of Texas. The two universities are the only two Tier One public research institutions as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Both universities continually support the advancement of scientific breakthroughs, entrepreneurship, sustainable innovation, and the development of well informed, engaged citizenry; together, both universities have more than 1,500 patents and more than \$1.3 billion in research expenditures.

Whereas: The Orange & Maroon Legislative Day advocates for increased funding for higher education research and continued support / patronage for the advancement of the arts & sciences. As premier higher education institutions, increased funding will provide avenues for both universities to innovate and develop breakthroughs for the wellbeing of the Texas citizenry.

Whereas: We, as the Graduate Student Assembly of The University of Texas at Austin and the Graduate and Professional Student Council of Texas A&M University, serve as the official voice of graduate students and exist to represent student interests to The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University administrations, among other audiences.

Let it be Resolved: That the Graduate Student Assembly of The University of Texas at Austin and the Graduate and Professional Student Council of Texas A&M University advocate there is great value to the respective universities for providing a unified voice to the Texas Legislature, allowing for both universities to be academically competitive.

Let it be Resolved: That the Graduate Student Assembly of The University of Texas at Austin and the Graduate and Professional Student Council of Texas A&M University come together to represent student interests on this momentous occasion and celebrate Orange & Maroon Legislative Day.

Let it be Further Resolved: A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:

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