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Resolution to create an annual campus safety walk.

Short Title: A resolution that will create an annual campus safety walk to evaluate the safety of the Arkansas State University campus for individuals.

- Whereas, a campus safety walk will aid in campus enhancements to promote a welcoming and safe environment for all individuals; and
- Whereas, the suggested annual walk will consist of volunteers from the Student Government Association (SGA), Graduate Student Council, University Police Department, Facilities Management, Environmental Health and Safety, and the Chancellor's Office; and
- Whereas, the walk will consist of assessing campus lighting, crosswalk visibility and signage, surveillance camera coverage, access to emergency blue-light phones, fire lane signage, and any other concerns brought to the attention of the SGA; and
- Whereas, these concerns were brought to the attention of the SGA on various occasions; and
- Whereas, on November 22, 2019, the SGA conducted the first campus safety walk with Dr. Kelly Damphousse (Chancellor), David Handwork (Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management), John Carvell (Safety Officer & Emergency Manager), President Erika Tuck, Vice President Drew Roberson, Jackson St. Pierre (Sophomore Class Senator), and Parker Meeks (Honors College Senator); and
- Whereas, according to the United States Department of Transportation, crosswalk visibility enhancements can reduce crash risk by twenty-three to fort-eight percent; and
- Whereas, a study by the Federal Highway Administration revealed that rectangular rapid flashing beacons brought drivers' yield rate up to ninety percent at pedestrian crossings; and
- Whereas, according to a 2011 Vermont study, the introduction of a BlinkerSign system increased drivers' total yield rate to eighty percent; and

Whereas, improved surveillance camera coverage can help deter crime, school violence, and other incidents; and

Whereas, according to the Arkansas State University Annual Security Report release on October 1, 2019, there were seventy-nine reports of larceny, seven reports of burglary, and forty-three reports of sexual assault or violence; and

Whereas, surveillance can aid in reassurance of safety to the campus community; and

Whereas, the Student Government Association, Graduate Student Council, and offices of University Police Department, Facilities Management, Environmental Health and Safety, and Chancellor's Office are in support of the annual campus safety walk.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The Arkansas State University Student Government Association

1. Volunteers from the SGA will host an annual walk on campus once per term to assess all measures, stated above, of campus safety.
2. These members will be accompanied by volunteers from the Graduate Student Council and offices of University Police Department, Facilities Management, Environmental Health and Safety, and Chancellor's Office.
3. At least one staff member and two senators from the SGA must be present for the walk to take place.
4. If no representative of the offices, excluding the SGA, is present at the time of the scheduled walk, SGA members will present the information to the respected offices.

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Drew N. Roberson

Drew Roberson, Vice President

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Erika Tuck, President