This Resolution Shall Henceforth Be Known As the “San Antonio Mayoral and City Council Recognition Resolution”

PURPOSE

To have the San Antonio Higher Education Representative Assembly, also known as SAHERA, be formally recognized by both the Mayor and City Council as an entity whose purpose is to promote governmental and civic engagement across the city.

Whereas: The San Antonio Higher Education Representative Assembly is an entity operating in the city of San Antonio and is comprised of 9 higher education institutions and their Student Government executives (effectively representing 130,000 people); and

Whereas: This entity, known internally as the Council, looks to promote civic engagement within the realm of their respective universities and the surrounding communities; and

Whereas: The Council serves no set agenda or political affiliation, we only serve to get the students and people excited and engaged in governmental affairs; and

Whereas: We have a binding Constitution that guides our actions and efforts meant for the support of why we were founded; and

Whereas: We have the potential to meet with many groups and interested parties to help spread the word about different civic engagements or elections; and

Whereas: We are continually looking to spread our non-partisan influence around the city to bring in new groups to become affiliated with our efforts; and

Whereas: ¹This is a city within a state that ranks 51st out of 50 states and 1 U.S. territory in its government or municipal election turnout so we are looking to change this statistic; and

Whereas: We are looking to contribute to the efforts of other groups and the Mayor’s SA2020 vision to get more citizens engaged and aware of the governmental affairs that take place within their city; and

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Whereas: We are authorized to sponsor and distribute this resolution through Article II, Section 1 of our Constitution, “[We seek] to educate the student population and the members of the communities surrounding our campuses on the state of affairs within the city and how decisions being made are affecting them.”

Therefore be it resolved: That the San Antonio Higher Education Representative Assembly is seeking official recognition by the Mayor of San Antonio and City Council.

Be it further resolved: That the San Antonio Student Higher Education Representative Assembly will use this recognition to help promote and foster lasting relationships with community leaders and organizations all looking to promote governmental and civic engagement amongst the students and citizens of San Antonio.

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