

**Resolution R-11-16**  
**The University of Alabama**  
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**A RESOLUTION URGING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA'S SUICIDE PREVENTION  
TRAINING PROGRAM BY AT LEAST ONE EXECUTIVE  
MEMBER OF EACH SOURCE-REGISTERED ORGANIZATION**

*WHEREAS*, it is the duty of Senators to address all concerns of the student body of The University of Alabama; and,

*WHEREAS*, mental health has become a progressively alarming issue for students; and,  
*WHEREAS*, suicide is the second-leading cause of death among college-aged students (15-24 years of age) and the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States; and,

*WHEREAS*, current outreach for mental health awareness and support can be improved. The process for obtaining information about resources and programs regarding mental health is opaque and circumlocutory; and,

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama Counseling Center offers a thirty-minute, online suicide prevention training program entitled *Ask. Listen. Refer.*; and,

*WHEREAS*, students at The University of Alabama would positively benefit from furthering personal knowledge about resources and programs pertaining to mental health support, including bystander awareness training, considerations in responding, risk factors, and the process of evaluating one's own mental health; and,

*WHEREAS*, many students are involved in at least one source-registered organization;

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, The University of Alabama Student Government Senate hereby urges at least one executive board member of every SOURCE-registered student organization to complete The University of Alabama's Suicide Prevention Training Program provided through the Counseling Center's website, thereby enhancing the student body's ability to cope with mental health issues and promoting awareness for on-campus, mental health resources.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT*, copies of this resolution be sent to the following: Lillian Roth, SGA President; Ben Leake, SGA Executive Vice President; Dalton Beasley, SGA Vice President of Student Affairs; Braden Morell, SGA Deputy Vice President for

External Affairs; Dr. Stuart Bell, President of The University of Alabama; Dr. David Grady, Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Steven Hood, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Tim Hebson, Dean of Students; The University of Alabama Counseling Center, The SOURCE, *The Crimson White Media Group*, and any others deemed necessary at a later time