S.A.F.E. Week Act of 2018

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Sponsors: Speaker of the Senate, Talor Allen; Secretary of the Senate, Sarah Boudoin; Senator Lance Rodriguez; Senator Katie Arrington; Senator Hunter Scott; Senator Allison Bailey; Senator Jason Rothfarb; Senator Grace Burnett; Senator John Martin Weed

Endorsements: Interim Dean of Students, Dr. Kathleen Cramer; Vice President of Student Affairs, Clay Martinson; Director of Programming, Sarah Michel; Director of Communications, Meredith Coleman

Section 1. Findings

1. After a campaign to raise money to open the new Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (S.A.F.E) Center in Tuscaloosa over the course of the past year, the Tuscaloosa community was successful in procuring the funds to help the Center open its doors. The new S.A.F.E Center is officially opening on Thursday, November 1st, to the public.

2. This program is and will be an important resource for students at the University of Alabama and the entire Tuscaloosa community. The S.A.F.E Center will be an outstanding resource to victims and will help further advocate for sexual assault awareness in the community.

3. As representatives of the student body, we should support efforts to assist in continuing the funding and acknowledgment of this program in the Tuscaloosa area. It is our responsibility to support programs that will be beneficial to the people and communities we represent and serve.

4. To ensure the continuing success of the S.A.F.E Center, the University of Alabama’s Student Government Association is hosting the annual S.A.F.E Powderpuff Tournament to maintain funding.

5. Different branches of SGA, fraternities and sororities, honor societies and other student organizations on campus are being asked to make a contribution and enter a team to participate.
Section 2. Legislation

Therefore be it resolved, that the 2018-2019 SGA Senate will develop a week devoted to the fundraising efforts and recognition for the Tuscaloosa community S.A.F.E program. In addition to the week set in place, the Senate will form a team to participate in the SGA powder puff game as a way to show our support for the event and the SAFE program; and,

Be it further resolved that, October 28th through November 3rd annually be recognized as “S.A.F.E. Center Awareness Week” in honor of the initial location opening of November 1, 2018 and will be promoted by the Student Government Association; and,

Be it further resolved that, all Senators and SGA as a whole will bring awareness about the SAFE program and the resources that the SAFE Center will offer to all of their constituents; and,

Be it further resolved that copies be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Price McGiffert, 2018-2019 SGA President; Ross D’Entremont, 2018-2019 Vice President of Academic Affairs; Clay Gaddis, 2018-2019 Vice President of Financial Affairs; Clay Martinson, 2018-2019 Vice-President of Student Affairs; the Crimson White Media Group.