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The University of Alabama
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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

WHEREAS, an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States — more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year; and,

WHEREAS, according to the “Me Too” movement, the Red Zone is a time frame from August to November where over fifty percent of sexual assaults occur on college campuses; and,

WHEREAS, among undergraduate students, 23.1% of females and 5.4% of males experience rape or sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, on October 5th, President Bell sent a campus-wide e-mail that stated, "I affirm The University of Alabama’s commitment to promoting and maintaining a safe, respectful campus
environment by preventing and addressing gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct on our campus.; and,

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association partnered with SAFE Center and Crimson Ride to provide a free, safe, anonymous shuttle system available to students 24 hours a day to and from the SAFE Center; and,

WHEREAS, Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance; and,

WHEREAS, The WGRC provides free, confidential, and voluntary counseling and advocacy services to members of The University of Alabama community who are victims/survivors of interpersonal violence – to support communities of all identities; and,

WHEREAS, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which strives to promote awareness and education of the survivors of domestic violence and be a voice for its victims.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Student Government Association promotes the Education and Awareness of Domestic Violence with speakers and graphics during the month of October, specifically October 26-28, from SAFE Center, Women and Gender Resource Center, and Title IX offices to educate students of the resources they provide.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Stephanie Shamblin, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor, Savannah Bullard, The Crimson White Editor-in-Chief; Elle Shaaban-Magana, Women and Gender Resource Center Executive Director; Brenda Maddox, SAFE Center Executive Director; Beth Howard, Title IX Coordinator; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.