A RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE MEANS TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR ALL FRESHMAN STUDENTS UPON STARTING CLASSES

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled...
WHEREAS, Nationwide, about 1 in 3 women and nearly 1 in 6 men experience sexual assault or are victims to interpersonal violence while in college; and

WHEREAS, 23.1% of all transgender, genderqueer, and nonconforming college students have been sexually assaulted while in college; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama’s University Police reported 19 incidents of rape on our campus for the year of 2020 in their latest crime report; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama’s University Police reported 24 incidents of interpersonal violence for the year of 2020 in their latest crime report; and

WHEREAS, Only 20% of all interpersonal violence and sexual assault crimes on college campuses are reported to the police; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama is a large community consisting of 38,320 students that include a record breaking freshman class of 7,593 young adults who may have never had the opportunity or access to receive proper bystander intervention training upon beginning their college careers; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama is home to multiple resources and organizations such as: the Women & Gender Resource Center, the UA Safe Center, Not On My Campus, and Men Against Rape & Sexual Assault, which are committed to educating the student body on the issues of sexual assault and interpersonal violence; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama is a pristine institution committed to protecting and educating it’s community and those who reside in it; NOW
THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association expresses its support for the idea of mandating the completion of a bystander intervention program for all freshmen upon starting classes.

Be it further resolved, that the University of Alabama Student Government Association creates a working group, composed of campus administrators and campus organization leaders, to further explore the means of establishing a mandatory bystander intervention program for all freshmen upon starting their classes.

Be it further resolved, That the University of Alabama commits to providing a safe environment for its student body, protecting them against heinous crimes such as sexual assault and interpersonal violence.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Myron Pope, Vice President of Student Life; Tonjanita Johnson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Christine Taylor, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Dr. Steven Hood, Senior Associate Vice President; Dr. Stacy Jones, Interim Dean of Students; Jim Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Donald Elswick, Executive Director in the Director’s Office; Keely Brewer, Editor-In-Chief of The Crimson White; Jillian Fields, President of the Student Government Association; Chapman Greer, President of Faculty Senate; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor of the Student Government Association; Dr. Ruperto Perez, Associate Vice President for Student Health and Well-being.