

Resolution Endorsing the Proposed SGA Resolution to Introduce Lighting and Paint Supplies for the UT Rock

WHEREAS, recent incidents of abhorrent anti-Semitic hate speech at the Rock and other reports and trends have left our students, staff, and faculty, especially from underrepresented groups, feeling more vulnerable and more at risk in this campus climate; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association (hereafter SGA) has demonstrated strong leadership and stewardship in their community; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA has condemned the neo-nazi and white supremacist symbols on The Rock and called out the disunity and divisiveness generated by them; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA has also been steadfast in their support of maintaining The Rock as a free speech area; and,

WHEREAS, the SGA has proposed Senate Bill 22-18, https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kMolGURkk32n773nLkz1zIRqS4TrMEns_28Qka-SseU/edit?ts=5bee1ad5 to add a spotlight, a live-stream camera, and make paint available via the UTPD in the case of additional incidents at The Rock,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UTK Faculty Senate endorses SGA Senate Bill 22-18 and the SGA's efforts to strengthen our community.