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A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF A PROCLAMATION IN THE SMU STUDENT SENATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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WHEREAS

The Southern Methodist University Student Senate aims to resolve the ambiguity in the definition of a proclamation,

ACKNOWLEDGING

The need for strong legislative documentation of events important to the SMU Student Body in unanimous consent of the Student Senate and its elected representatives,

RECOGNIZING

The broad and diverse deliberations of the resolution by members across the SMU Student Senate,

WHEREAS

Article XIV: Proclamation, Points 1-3 of the SMU Student Senate Policies and Procedures currently states:

1. Proclamations differ from legislation in that they have no action component. Proclamations are memorials/condolences, thank yous, or a statement of opinion that represents the entire student body that does not require any action.
2. All proclamations must be submitted to the Speaker by a deadline to be determined by the Speaker. This deadline must match the legislation deadline.
3. Only voting members may submit proclamations. Standing Committee Chairs may sign pieces of proclamations but may not be the primary author.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

that Article XIV: Proclamation will be revised to the following:

1. Proclamations are public statements or official announcements of great importance to the Student Body.
2. Proclamations are not required to have an action item; however, the action may only dictate the non-monetary actions of Senate Members and relevant committees.
3. Proclamations are for the following reasons:
 1. Condolences or Memorials for Students, Faculty, Staff, or Administration that have passed away.
 2. Thank You to a Student, Faculty, Staff, or Administration who has made an extraordinary contribution to the SMU Community.
 3. Statement of Support for the SMU Student Body or the Student Body of fellow institutions of Higher



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Education following extraordinary circumstances and/or events.

4. Statement of Opinion to SMU Faculty, Staff, and Administration regarding policy and student concerns of extraordinary significance to the student body.
5. To commemorate extraordinary dates of relevance or relevant circumstances to the SMU Community. These include, but are not limited to, prominent sporting events, parades, events, and days of service on campus.
4. For any matter that lies outside the parameters listed above will be addressed through other mediums
 1. IE: Speakers Podium, Social Media, emails, other mass communication.
5. Student Senators and members of the Executive Committee may submit proclamations. Standing Committee Chairs may sign pieces of proclamations but may not be the primary author.
6. If someone wishes to co-sign on a proclamation it must be done before it is presented to the senate.
 1. A co-signer cannot be added during chamber.
7. All proclamations must be submitted to the Speaker by a deadline to be determined by the Speaker. This deadline must match the legislation deadline.
 1. If a Senator or officer fails to turn in a proclamation by this deadline, the proclamation shall be submitted to the Student Senate Executive Committee in order to be heard as New Business at the following Senate meeting.
8. The process for passing a proclamation only takes one week: the proclamation is proposed and a statement from the author in support of it passing is given then the speaker calls a vote which must be unanimous to pass. If someone motions before the speaker calls a vote, a debate may occur and will follow the same process as the debate process for legislation. The vote must still be unanimous to pass.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

The 109th Student Senate amend the Senate Policies and Procedures to reflect changes to the definition of a proclamation to the resolved manner, effective immediately.

Respectfully Submitted,

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