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Resolution in Support of the Tukwut as a Campus Symbol
Associated Students, Inc.
Cal State University San Marcos

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WHEREAS, Associated Students, Inc. is an official voice to express student opinions, to foster awareness of student issues, to protect student rights and interests, and to create programs and encourage a campus climate that meets the educational, social, and cultural well-being of the students of Cal State University San Marcos; and

WHEREAS, the main campus of Cal State University San Marcos was built on ancestral lands of the Luiseño community, and

WHEREAS, In the year 1990, Tukwut (pronounced Took-Woot), meaning Mountain Lion to the Luiseño people, was given as a gift to Cal State University San Marcos to be utilized respectfully as a symbol of the University, and

WHEREAS, the first class of students of Cal State University San Marcos selected Tukwut as the symbol of Cal State University San Marcos, and subsequently used Tukwut as the title of the first university yearbook, and

WHEREAS, in 1998, when University President Alex Gonzales proposed a change to the University symbol, removing Tukwut, the subsequent elections allowed students to vote only for Mountain Lion, Cougar, or Puma, that resulted in the selection of Cougar; and

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Inc. feels that the cultural significance of the gift of Tukwut has been lost to the University community; and

WHEREAS, In 2007 Associated students, Inc. concluded that it is necessary that the University Community at Cal State University San Marcos be made aware of the history and cultural significance of the gift, Tukwut and passed a resolution in support of the Tukwut; let it be

RESOLVED that Associated Students, Inc. insist that the University administration, along with Associated Students, Inc., make it a priority to advocate and educate the students, faculty, administration and staff on the history and cultural significance of the gift Tukwut; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED Associated Students, Inc. continue to advocate for the respectful application of the gift Tukwut as a campus symbol; and

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RESOLVED Associated Students, Inc. supports the Tukwut statue in honor of the Luiseño community and to build campus pride and identity; and be it further

RESOLVED Associated Students, Inc. will participate and encourage fundraising efforts in support of the Tukwut Statue; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED; Associated Students, Inc. forwards this resolution to: University President Karen Haynes, University President's Cabinet, the Office of Student Affairs, Native Advisory Council, Bonnie Biggs, Academic Senate, and all local media outlets.

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