WHEREAS, 50% of us will experience a mental health condition in our lifetime

WHEREAS, 67% of students tell a friend they are feeling suicidal before telling anyone else

WHEREAS, Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students

WHEREAS, Baylor University, Oklahoma State University, The University of Texas at Austin and many other universities have a designated an annual Mental Health Awareness Week, while the University of North Texas does not

LET IT BE RESOLVED, That the SGA recommends that the UNT Administration and Counseling and Testing Services consider officially adopting an annual 5-day Mental Health Awareness Week (shown on the UNT events calendar), in collaboration with Active Minds, IFC and SGA by FY2021. This ensures we will reach the majority of students on campus, and help raise the overall awareness of mental health, while reducing the stigma surrounding it at the same time.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be sent to:

1. President of the University of North Texas: Neal Smatresk: president@unt.edu
2. Senior Director of Counseling and Testing Services: Tamara Knapp-Grosz: Tamara.Knapp-Grosz@unt.edu
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*UNT Active Minds*

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

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Speaker of the Senate  
Date

**Presidential Action:**

- Vetoed
- Approved

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President of the Student Government Association  
Date

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Vice President of Student Affairs  
Date
Footnotes:

1. Active Minds (2019)
   https://www.activeminds.org/about-mental-health/statistics/

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3. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (2019)

   https://www.activeminds.org/about-mental-health/statistics/

5. Baylor University Mental Health Awareness Waco Article (2019)

6. Oklahoma State University Calendar (2019)
   https://campuslink.okstate.edu/event/3256910

7. The University of Texas at Austin Calendar (2019)
   https://cmhc.utexas.edu/event_mhpweek.html

8. University of North Texas Calendar (2019)
   https://calendar.unt.edu