WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) in San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS: October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month¹; and

WHEREAS: Domestic violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, abilities, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and in California; and

WHEREAS: The marginalization of certain groups in the United States, including individuals who are undocumented, people who identify as transgender, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to domestic violence²; and

WHEREAS: 43% of dating female-identified college students and 28% of dating male-identified college students report experiencing violent and/or abusive behaviors in their relationships, including physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, and controlling abuse³; and

WHEREAS: Cal Poly Safer reported a 167% increase in intimate partner violence cases from Cal Poly students from the 2017-2018 school year to the 2018-2019 school year⁴; and

WHEREAS: While San Luis Obispo has community led programs such as RISE and Stand Strong, and Cal Poly has Domestic Violence Awareness Month programming led by Safer to address these statistics, the problem of domestic violence has yet to be resolved; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to provide education, awareness and understanding of domestic violence and its causes; and

WHEREAS: Despite the increase in domestic violence cases on Cal Poly's campus, Cal Poly has yet to officially recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors recognizes and urges the Cal Poly Administration to also officially recognize October 2019, and each

⁴ Cal Poly Safer Coordinator
following October, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

FURTHERMORE
BE IT
RESOLVED: This Resolution will be sent to University President Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Humphrey, Senior Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Health and Wellbeing Tina Hadaway-Mellis, and Assistant Director of Well Being Kara Samaniego.

Certified as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this _____ day of ___________, 2019.

Attest: ____________________________
ASI Secretary

Signed: ____________________________
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed: ____________________________
ASI President

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this _____ day of ___________ 2019.

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