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**HOUSTON**  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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**Draft:** Vote

**Coog Strong Mask On Resolution**

**Whereas,** the COVID-19 pandemic has caused 23,750,184 cases globally and has resulted in 815,745 global deaths<sup>1</sup>;

**Whereas,** the United States now leads the world with 5,715,567 COVID-19 cases and 176,617 deaths<sup>2</sup>;

**Whereas,** the University of Houston Main Campus resides in Houston and Harris County which as of August 25, 2020 have 100,171 total confirmed cases<sup>3</sup>;

**Whereas,** Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner has set a goal to drop Houston's COVID-19 positivity rate to under 5%. Currently Houston's positivity rate is 11.3%<sup>4</sup>;

**Whereas,** following the reopening of universities for the Fall 2020 semester, universities across the nation have seen a surge in COVID-19 cases with over 500 cases

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<sup>1</sup> <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/resources/2019-novel-coronavirus>

<sup>4</sup>

<https://harriscounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/9ce164d503fc4679bcad18c6f16e27d0>



at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. A week after reopening the University of Southern California had 43 new cases and Iowa State University reported 130 cases. Campuses such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Notre Dame have had to revert to remote instruction following surges of cases<sup>5</sup>;

**Whereas**, the University of Houston is dedicated to the defeat of COVID-19, stating that “our UH Community must unite on a common mission to prevent the pandemic from disrupting our individual goals and our University’s Tier One academic and research pursuits.”<sup>6</sup>

**Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:**

That the 57<sup>th</sup> Student Government Association supports the University of Houston Coog Strong Mask On initiative for the protection of our UH community and our greater Houston community;

**Be it further resolved**, the 57<sup>th</sup> Student Government supports the expectations set by the University of Houston for the requirement of masks at all times in indoor public areas, outdoors when physical distancing is not a possibility, maintaining a 6-foot distance from others, good hygiene practices like washing hands and the utilization of hand sanitizer;

**Be it further resolved**, the Student Government Association advocates for students, faculty and staff to conduct a self-assessment each morning and advocates for the campus community to self-report COVID-19 symptoms or exposure<sup>7</sup>;

**Be it further resolved**, the 57<sup>th</sup> Student Government Association supports On-Campus Testing provided by The Student Health Center.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2020/08/25/college-coronavirus-cases/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://uh.edu/coog-strong-mask-on/>

<sup>7</sup> Reporting COVID-19 symptoms or Exposure: <https://veoci.com/veoci/p/form/7bewdb34sxut#tab=entryForm>

<sup>8</sup> On-Campus Testing Information: <https://uh.edu/covid-19/return-to-campus/on-campus-testing/>

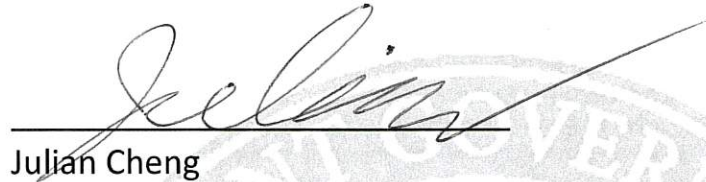


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APPROVED



Julian Cheng

Speaker of the Senate

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