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Supporting Installation of Wudu Station in a Centralized Common Area

Whereas, one of the pillars of Islam is to pray five times a day;

Whereas, before prayer, Muslims are expected to perform a cleansing ritual which includes cleaning one's hands, face, feet, and arms, in which a wudu station is essential to do so;

Whereas, a wudu station, providing facilities for ritual ablution in accordance with Islamic practices, can significantly contribute to the accessibility and well-being of Muslim students on campus;

Whereas, ensuring that students have the means to perform religious practices aligns with the university's commitment to diversity and respect for various cultural and religious backgrounds;

Whereas, the 60th administration student government seeks to uphold the principles of inclusivity, equity, and religious freedom for all students;

Whereas, the student government supports and encourages the establishment of wudu stations on campus, designed to provide a dedicated space for Muslim students to perform ritual ablution as required by their faith;

Whereas, wudu stations should be strategically located in an easily accessible and central area of the campus, ensuring its convenience for Muslim students while promoting awareness and understanding among the broader campus community;

Whereas, wudu stations should be equipped with the necessary facilities, including water outlets, sinks, and other amenities required for proper ritual ablution;

Whereas, the design and layout of wudu stations should adhere to guidelines that ensure privacy, cleanliness, and functionality;

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

A wudu station task force be constructed in partnership with University of Houston Facilities/Construction Department in order to provide opinion and feedback on further action and steps;

Be it further resolved, the Facilities/Construction Management work with the task force to design a wudu station area that be equipped with the necessary facilities, including water outlets, sinks, and any other amenities necessary for proper ritual ablution;

Be it further resolved, the design and layout of wudu stations adhere to guidelines that ensure privacy, cleanliness, and functionality;

Be it further resolved, that students be provided an avenue to provide input throughout the design and construction phases of the wudu station area.

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