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Resolution to support the ban of non-biodegradable balloon and sky lantern releases on campus.

Short Title: A resolution that will support the ban of non-biodegradable balloon and sky lantern releases on campus to establish environmental stewardship and allow students to continue to uphold the Arkansas nickname, *The Natural State*.

Whereas, the constitutional object of the Student Government Association (SGA) at Arkansas State University is to consider *all matters that may concern the general interest of the student body*; and

Whereas, the ban of balloon and sky lanterns corrects an issue Sara Saucedo addressed with Chancellor Dr. Kelly Damphousse in October 2018; and

Whereas, on October 5, 2018, Dr. Damphousse made the statement, “I have decided to ban the release of balloons and sky lanterns from our campus”; and

Whereas, support from the SGA is necessary in order for the policy to be recognized campus wide; and

Whereas, it would be beneficial to the city, the university, students, and the environment to avoid unnecessary land, air, and water pollutants.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The Arkansas State University Student Government Association establish a resolution to support the ban of non-biodegradable balloon and sky lantern releases.

1. Support the initiative focused on fostering sustained environmental awareness at Arkansas State University.
2. Support the initiative to protect our local waters, sewage treatment plants, marine species, bird species, and other animals who are threatened by these pollutants.

Pass _____

Drew N. Roberson

Drew Roberson, Vice President

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Erika Tuck

Erika Tuck, President