

A Resolution Presented to the Auburn University Senate

WHEREAS, Auburn University currently enforces a Dangerous Weapons and Firearms Policy “in order to maintain a safe academic environment”; and

WHEREAS, The Dangerous Weapons and Firearms Policy of Auburn University “prohibits the possession and use of any dangerous or potentially dangerous weapon(s) or instruments,” including all forms of firearms; and

WHEREAS, The introduction of concealed handguns by students or university employees into classrooms, laboratories, workshops, libraries and other facilities of instruction and research will create a climate of fear and intimidation that results in a hostile working environment inimical to the open and free exchange of ideas necessary to advance academic learning and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Local, state, and national law enforcement agencies have stated that public safety will be reduced rather than increased by permitting individuals who are not trained law enforcement personnel to carry concealed firearms on the campuses of universities and colleges;

RESOLVED, That the Auburn University Senate opposes Alabama House Bill 12 2016 (HB-12) and any other legislation that would preempt the right of a public institution of higher learning to prohibit or regulate the possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons on campus.