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## **Proclamation of Associated Students Recognition of CHECK IT**

*Whereas*, Associated Students (AS) mission statement hereby states that we “provide an official voice through which students’ opinions may be expressed; foster awareness of these opinions both on and off campus; assist in the protection of the rights and interests of the individual student and the student body; provide services and programs to stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the University community.”

*Whereas*, AS would like to commend and recognize CHECK IT as a successful student led movement that aims to empower students with knowledge and skills to take action during moments of potential dating violence, sexual assault, and other forms of harm.

*Whereas*, We are proud and acknowledge CHECK IT’s aim to build a community of consent, where people feel safe and supported by those around them, where survivors feel supported, and those who commit harm are held accountable.

*Whereas*, CHECK IT is celebrating its 5th anniversary and has been a vital campus resource and educational program, providing strategies and knowledge about ways to identify and disrupt potential moments of harm.

*Whereas*, AS would also like to commend CHECK IT’s development of workshops and curriculum around bystander intervention, along with consent centered event resources for campus groups and run campaigns educating the HSU campus about Title IX, consent culture, and violence prevention.

*Whereas*, CHECK IT has connected people across campus and with the community, particularly with their upcoming launch of CHECK IT at Arcata High School in partnership with North Coast Rape Crisis Team.

*Whereas*, CHECK IT has remained committed to creating a culture of respect and consent across HSU’s campus and nationally.

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*Whereas*, CHECK IT's work has been platformed at state and national conferences such as the National Sexual Assault Prevention Conference in 2017 and 2018, and CSU Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference in 2015.

*Whereas*, CHECK IT has received national and regional recognition for student-led projects of culture change, including Celene Lopez, CHECK IT peer educator, who received the Champion of Change White House Award in 2016, the Program of the Year award from the National Residential Housing Association in 2014, and the Violence Prevention Champion Award, from the CSU Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Conference in 2014.

*Now, Therefore*, Associated Students would like to officially praise and support the commitment of CHECK IT and its volunteers. Associated Students recognizes that CHECK IT is at the heart of HSU's shift into consent culture and we commit to continue supporting the work of CHECK IT and this consent movement.

Signed February 25, 2019

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