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Resolution to request Arkansas State University make a commitment to no longer construct buildings without elevators or lifts.

Short Title: A resolution that will encourage Arkansas State University to construct all future buildings with elevators or lifts.

- Whereas, according to the Americans with Disabilities Act Title III Technical Assistance Manual III-5.400 Elevator exemption states, “Elevators are not required in facilities under three stories or with fewer than 3000 square feet per floor unless the building is a shopping center or mall; professional office of a health care provider; public transit station; or airport passenger terminal”; and
- Whereas, Arkansas State University does meet the required standards by law; and
- Whereas, the university should not only meet standards but exceed these standards to meet the needs and expectations of our student body; and
- Whereas, the university should not allow any new structure to be constructed unless exceeding the standard building code and ensure future buildings contain an elevator or lift; and
- Whereas, currently on campus there are a total of twenty buildings without elevators; and
- Whereas, these include residential buildings in Red Wolf Den, Northpark Quads, Honors Living Learning Community, ROTC, STEM Den, Pack Place, and the Circle; and
- Whereas, building all future structures with an elevator will provide more on-campus living options to those who require an elevator; and
- Whereas, without access to elevators, individuals will not have adequate opportunities to socialize with other students; and
- Whereas, without access to elevators, certain individuals are unable to host friends or family members who may require the use of these elevators; and

Whereas, this affects both the individual who resides in the inaccessible room and the individual who is unable to access the room; and

Whereas, this may provide opportunities to enhance campus culture and foster an inclusive experience for all students; and

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 continued disregard for equal access on campus for *all* is intolerable; and

Whereas, it is necessary to address this issue to continue creating a truly inclusive culture at Arkansas State University.

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 request Arkansas State University make a commitment to no longer construct buildings without elevators or lifts.

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Drew V. Roberson

Drew Roberson, Vice President

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