

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**FIFTY-THIRD SESSION**

**BILL NO. 53-44**

**INTRODUCED BY: FISH**

**SECONDED BY: SLIVENSKY**

**A BILL TO: Allocate \$5,000 of the General Fund to start up the Spartan Support Network**

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:**

WHEREAS, The Spartan Support Network aspires to be an organization that strives to destigmatize mental health, while establishing an inclusive and welcoming community through peer-to-peer-support groups and campus-open social events; and

WHEREAS, Several innovative students took notice of the successful Support Network at the University of Michigan and the life-changing impact it has had on those in their community; and,

WHEREAS, It is the Associated Students of Michigan State University's mission to promote the health and wellness of undergraduate Spartans while addressing the unique needs of the student community; and,

WHEREAS, Previously, ASMSU hosted a Peer-to-Peer network within the marketing division of the organization, with incredible success, but a desire was had by students from other various communities to solely dedicate their time in creating a new program to prosper for the sole cause of bringing students together on an important topic; and,

WHEREAS, This network of students will become a resource in terms of handling mental health, since students often turn to is their friends in times of need; and,

WHEREAS, We hope to measure the success of the program by the outreach made across organizations and communities previously disengaged from the conversation of mental health, as well as by communicating with the counseling center on campus to know if the attendance of counseling services has increased; and,

WHEREAS, The leaders of this group will be trained on how to successfully handle conversations around mental health, plan retreats around becoming proactive advocates to changing the narrative on mental health awareness, partner with the MSU Counseling Center and similar entities on the matters; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University is allocating \$5,000 for the initial and continuous success of the Spartan Support Network and ensure effective outreach for the starting base of the program.

INTRODUCED ON January 26, 2017

REFERRED TO Finance ON January.26.2017

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Sent to GA DATE January.26.2017

COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>		<u>9-0-0</u>	<u>January.26.2017</u>
	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		<u>27-0-0</u>	<u>February.02.2017</u>
	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

  
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