

**Madonna University Student Senate
Resolution**

Senate Resolution: F16-R-5

Date Adopted: October 28, 2016

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SUPPORTED BY: Senators Hamilton and DiMilia

A RESOLUTION TO: *Advocate for timely campus safety alerts and more transparent incident reports.*

THE MADONNA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE ENACTS:

WHEREAS, a community safety alert was sent out for a sexual assault occurring on September 4, 2016 in Hines Park, 1.4 miles from campus, and;

WHEREAS, an alert was not sent out for an armed robbery and police chase that took place on October 6, 2016 at the Days Inn Hotel, also 1.4 miles from campus, and;

WHEREAS, students were not informed of the threat to a student on the Residence Life staff with a weapon by the guest of a resident, and;

WHEREAS, flyers of the individual who threatened a student were circulated without clear communication about the incident, and;

RECOGNIZING, the Madonna University Department of Public Safety has made many improvements under new leadership and are more visible throughout campus, and;

WHEREAS, students at similar universities receive frequent campus safety alerts, which they find both informative and helpful, and;

WHEREAS, only 11% of students surveyed know where to find current campus Incident Reports, and only 6% have actually read the Incident Reports, and;

WHEREAS, 83% of students surveyed said they were signed up to receive Rave Alerts, and;

RECOGNIZING, 88% of students surveyed at Madonna University said they would like to be alerted of incidents occurring on campus and within a 3 mile radius of campus, including car thefts, community threats, and sexual assault, and;

RECOGNIZING, students are less likely to go in search of campus safety information than they are to take in information that has been sent directly to them by email or text message alerts, and;

RECOGNIZING, students' most preferred methods of being notified of incidents are through text messages or emails, and;

WHEREAS, students are unable to protect themselves from things they aren't aware of.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Madonna University Student Senate supports that alerts be sent out for incidents that occur on campus that potentially affect the safety of more students, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that alerts be sent out for incidents that occur within a three (3) mile radius of campus that impact the safety of students, and;

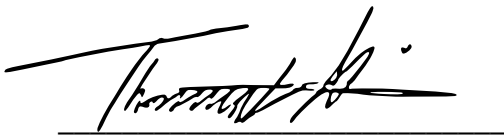
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that students be alerted of incidents that impact their safety within 24 hours of an incident occurring, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that students be alerted of these incidents by text message or email, and;

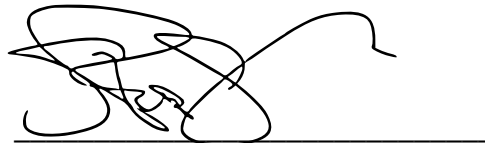
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Madonna University Student Senate and its members support more timely and transparent campus safety alerts, taking into consideration the population it serves and the University community as a whole.

SENATE VOTE TOTALS:

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