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Purpose: To suggest the immediate addition of AED kits to an expanded list of locations, including buildings and residence halls on/around campus and a ‘strong recommendation’ for resident advisors and front desk personnel in residence halls to attain first-aid training.

Whereas: Recently, safety concerns on campus have required increased student attentiveness after general school hours while walking in and around campus. Residence halls have also become a point of concern for student safety in case of emergency.

Whereas: After discussion with the Assistant Director for Residence Life, Kristin Roppolo, it was made clear that the recommendation for increased AED availability on campus is a necessary change.

Whereas: Furthermore, after discussion with the Risk Manager for the University, Katie Booton, Ms. Roppolo reported that implementing the ‘strong recommendation’ for residence hall personnel to receive first aid training does not violate or create liability concerns.

Whereas: An AED present and a resident advisor with first aid training would allow students to feel safer in the dorms and buildings around campus.

Whereas: Having first aid trained RAs would provide faster medical attention to emergency events in the dorms if a situation were to arise.

Whereas: There are health aides on staff to provide first aid for student needs, the response time for the health aides has often been alongside that of public safety. In emergency situations, health aides are often not called at all.

Whereas: The presence of an AED along with a first-aid trained resident advisor would give a victim of an emergency event more time until a public safety officer or Emergency Medical personal is able to attend the victim. While this may not be an issue with response time necessarily, every minute counts in the event of an emergency especially if there are persons who are trained on hand to attend to the victim.

Whereas: Thus, there is risk associated with not having such equipment available 24 hours a day at-the-ready in case of emergency.

BE IT ENACTED THAT: Creighton University in conjunction with student request; increase the number of AED kits available around campus buildings and help implement first aid training for those personnel in residence hall, students and faculty, that help ensure the safety and security of these buildings.

Respectfully Submitted:

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