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|  | Senate of the  Student Government Association at Bakersfield College |

**So Stated by the Senate Resolution**

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**RESOLUTION- IMPLEMENTING AN EMERGENCY LIGHT SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING AT BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE**

***WHEREAS****, Bakersfield College is committed to fostering an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students, including those who are deaf or hard of hearing, who may not be able to hear traditional emergency alerts and notifications; and*

***WHEREAS****, effective communication during emergencies is critical to ensuring the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff, particularly for individuals who rely on visual cues to understand their surroundings; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *existing emergency notification systems primarily utilize auditory alarms and announcements, which do not adequately address the needs of our ASL users and hard of hearing community members; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *various institutions have successfully implemented visual emergency alert systems that use multi-colored lights to convey different types of emergencies, enhancing the safety and preparedness of their communities;*

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** *that the Bakersfield College Administration collaborates with stakeholders, including the Office of Disability Services and representatives from the ASL and hard of hearing communities, to design and implement an emergency light system that utilizes different colors to signify specific emergency situations;*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** *that the emergency light system be installed in key areas throughout the campus, including classrooms, common areas, and entrances, ensuring high visibility to all members of the college community;*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** *that training and informational materials be developed to educate all students, faculty, and staff about the new emergency light system, including the meaning behind the different colors and how to respond in various emergency situations;*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** *that the implementation of the emergency light system be assessed regularly for effectiveness and updated as necessary to ensure that it remains a valuable resource for the campus, continuing to support the safety and inclusion of all students.*

*I, BCSGA Secretary, certify that this resolution originated by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association on December 6th, 2024.*

*BCSGA Secretary Date*

*We the Bakersfield College Student Body support this resolution on DATE.*

*BCSGA Vice President Date*