	Date Introduced: Resolution FA-03-19
	Date Voted Upon:
1 2	A Resolution in Support of the Installation of Condom Dispensers in the Laundry Rooms in UAB Residence Halls
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4	WHEREAS the University of Alabama at Birmingham Undergraduate Student Government
5	Association has the honor and responsibility of representing the entire undergraduate student
6 7	voice; and
8	WHEREAS it is the duty of the USGA to lead the undergraduate student body towards positive
9	and relevant changes; and
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11	WHEREAS there is an overwhelming <b>need</b> for easier access to condoms on UAB's campus; and
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13	WHEREAS UAB participated in the National College Health Assessment survey
14	conducted by the American College Health Association in Spring 2017 which includes
15	sexual behavior and STI rates in said survey1; and
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17	WHEREAS only 29.8% of surveyed UAB students reported having no sexual partner
18	within the last 12 months, meaning about 14,673 UAB students were sexually active at
19	the time of the survey1; and
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21	WHEREAS only 44.9% (equating to about 9,384 students) of surveyed sexually active
22	UAB students reported using a condom or other protective barrier within the last 30
23 24	daysı; and
25	WHEREAS only 51% (equating to about 10,660 students) of surveyed UAB students
26	reported using a method of contraception the last time they had sexual intercourse; and
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28	WHEREAS 15.8% (equating to about 3,302 students) of surveyed students reported
29	using (or reported their partner used) emergency contraception within the last 12
30	months1; and
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32	WHEREAS 1.9% (equating to about 397 students) of surveyed students reported
33	experiencing an unintended pregnancy, or got someone pregnant, within the last 12
34	months1; and
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36	WHEREAS 2.5% (equating to about 522 students) of surveyed students reported being
37	diagnosed/treated for chlamydia within the past 12 months1; and

<sup>1</sup> American College Health Association. American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment II: University Alabama Birmingham Executive Summary Spring 2017. Hanover, MD: American College Health Association; 2018.

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39	WHEREAS 1.0% (equating to about 209 students) of surveyed students reported being
40	diagnosed/treated for genital herpes within the past 12 months1; and
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42	WHEREAS free condoms are currently only accessible in the Student Multicultural &
43	Diversity Office and Blazer Kitchen in the Hill Student Center, the Student Health &
44	Wellness Center, and during occasional tabling by student organizations and
45	programming by resident assistants; and
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47	WHEREAS the UAB School of Public Health and the 1917 Clinic conducted a survey of
48	723 students from March 18, 2019 to April 26, 20192; and
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50	WHEREAS 25.1% (equating to about 5,502 students) of UAB students responding to the
51	aforementioned survey reported that it is difficult or very difficult to access condoms on
52	campus, the largest proportion of students2; and
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54	WHEREAS 33.3% (equating to about 7,303 students) of UAB students reported that
55	where they can access condoms as very important in their decision to use condoms2; and
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57	WHEREAS 25.5% (equating to about 5,592 students) of UAB students reported that
58	when they can access condoms to be very important in their decision to use condoms2;
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61	WHEREAS 24.8% of (equating to about 5,436 students) UAB students reported that
62	whether or not they have to interact with someone to access condoms is very important in
63	their decision to use a condom2; and
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65	WHEREAS providing free condom dispensers in residence hall laundry rooms poses many
66	benefits; and
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68	WHEREAS the use of condoms is the most easily accessible and effective way to prevent
69	unintended pregnancy and the transmission of STIs3; and
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71	WHEREAS the installation of free condom dispensers in the laundry rooms of UAB
72	Residence Halls would offer uninterrupted, centralized, non-judgmental access for
73	residents; and
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For a presentation of this data or for any relevant questions, please contact Dr. Austin, School of Public Health (elaustin@uab.edu).

75 WHEREAS the CDC has data to support the fact that providing adolescents with sexual and reproductive health services and information does not increase their sexual activity or 76 77 pregnancy rate4; and 78 79 WHEREAS a 2018 research study conducted by public health experts found that condom-availability programs were effective in increasing condom usage among sexually 80 active students, as well as reducing rates of chlamydia and gonorrheas; and 81 82 83 WHEREAS public health experts attribute the nationwide spike in STI rates to a drop in prevention funding, poor understanding of STI prevention, and declines in condom use4; 84 85 and 86 87 WHEREAS there is an overwhelming amount of **support** among students for condoms to be 88 easily accessible; and 89 90 WHEREAS 98.4% of 512 UAB students surveyed from a 4-month survey conducted to 91 evaluate student demand for easy access to condoms in Rast Hall signed a petition in 92 support of easy access to condoms6; and 93 94 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA, representing the undergraduate student population, supports the installation of condom dispensers in the laundry rooms of all 95 UAB Residence Halls based on the overwhelming need for access to affordable contraception, 96 97 the benefits of condom use, and the support for the initiative from the UAB undergraduate 98 student body. 99 100 Author: Hana Habchi, USGA President 2019-2020 101 Hanh Huynh, College of Arts and Sciences Senator 2019-2020 102 Shreya Pokhrel, Planned Parenthood Generation Action at UAB President 103 104 Sponsor: Hanh Huynh, College of Arts and Sciences Senator 105 106 Contact: Shreya Pokhrel, Planned Parenthood Generation Action at UAB President 107 Email: shreya3@uab.edu

<sup>3</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/programresources/guidance/condoms/index.html

<sup>4</sup> https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/article\_files/gpr2202919.pdf

<sup>5</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/programresources/guidance/condoms/index.html

<sup>6</sup> See addendum.