WHEREAS, the University of Southern California has a responsibility to protect the safety of all members of the Trojan Family;

WHEREAS, around 80% students consider themselves cyclists on USC’s campus and approximately 400 bicycles are either lost or stolen every year in the USC community;

WHEREAS, SafeNet, a technology developed by Suvil Deora, Rahul Madduluri, Pedro Gomez, and Professor Bhaskar Krishnamachari, provides a safety network that helps students provide authorities with real-time location updates when in distress;

WHEREAS, SafeNet allows students to place a small tag on important belongings and when belongings are stolen, students will get a notification;

WHEREAS, students can choose to alert DPS from the mobile app which allows DPS to receive real-time updates on location of stolen item;

WHEREAS, this investment expands beyond the protection of belongings, as it has the potential to protect the actual user and curb campus assault;

WHEREAS, other safety measures such as the LiveSafe application require the user to utilize their cell phone which may not always be at a reachable distance;

WHEREAS, SafeNet can function as a wearable technology in the form of a keychain or bracelet charm;
WHEREAS, SafeNet does not depend on WiFi or cell reception and is cost-effective with the wearable keychain/bracelet charm projected at $20 and the bike tracker projected at $15 for the user;

WHEREAS, SafeNet is better than GPS, as it can pinpoint DPS to the exact location of the item or the individual (e.g. trackable to the exact corner of a room or a floor versus a general location);

WHEREAS, the initial infrastructure set up necessitates a $300,000 - $400,000 from the university;

WHEREAS, this investment would foster a safer campus environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government will support the initiative to implement SafeNet at a university-wide level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government will provide the necessary resources to help these USC students connect with the Department of Public Safety to move forward in the advocacy for the implementation of this technology;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Public Safety should consider the work of these USC students as a viable solution to the aforementioned campus problems;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Department of Public Safety Chief John Thomas, Vice Provost of Student Affairs Ainsley Carry, Assistant Provost for Student Engagement Monique Allard, Assistant Provost for Student Support and Advocacy Lynette Merriman, and USG President Andrew Menard by Secretary Isabelle Albert within 2 weeks of being passed by the Undergraduate Student Government Senate.