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| **Senate Resolution 2024-2025-008** |  |
| Date Presented: November 15, 2024 | **Resolution of Support for the Proposal for a Mental Health & Wellness Fee** |
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**WHEREAS**, the Proposal Regarding Student Support Needs for Student Health, Wellbeing, and Advocacy, along with the Proposal for a Mental Health & Wellness Fee, aim to enhance resources dedicated to mental health and student support services; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Colorado Denver Student Government Association (SGA) is committed to fostering an environment that promotes academic success and the well-being of students; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver) Wellness Center defines the seven dimensions of wellness as Spiritual, Emotional, Social, Environmental, Intellectual, Physical, and Occupational, all of which contribute to students’ overall Safety and Health; and

**WHEREAS**, college life can lead to significant stress for students, including challenges such as anxiety, depression, self-harm, suicidal ideation, and stressors carried over from high school and parental households; and

**WHEREAS**, the CU Denver has an opportunity to provide a safe and healing space where students can exercise newly acquired freedoms and autonomously express themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, CU Denver currently offers academic support, and the proposed Mental Health & Wellness Fee would further expand services that provide crucial emotional support through programs such as the CU Denver Office of Case Management, the Student and Community Counseling Center (SCCC), Disability Resources & Services (DRS), and the Phoenix Center of Auraria (PCA), which offer therapy, disability support services, domestic violence support services, and address safety and well-being concerns;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the CU Denver Student Government Association affirms its support for the implementation of the Mental Health & Wellness Fee, as well as Administration’s commitment to the ongoing process of creating conditions toward healing and the prioritization of well-being for all students.

Ratified by the Senate:

[Date of Ratification]

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