As the Presidential, Congressional, and local elections will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020; and

Whereas, According to the most recent data, approximately 6,700 University of Arkansas students are from Washington and Benton County. An additional 800 students are also from the River Valley region in Arkansas; and

Whereas, The vast majority of the 4550 combined faculty and staff are residents of Northwest Arkansas; and

Whereas, Nationally, only 50% of adults in the 18-29 age range participated in the 2016 US Election; and

Whereas, Unlike other states that allow for broad mail-in voting, a resident of Arkansas must be unable to attend the physical polling site on election day due to one of the following criteria: unavoidable absence, illness or physical disability, military-related absence of one or their dependent, or temporary residence outside the United States or COVID-19 related absence; and

Whereas, Students may be discouraged to vote due to longer lines caused by safety precautions taken at polling places because of COVID-19; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas has shown and expressed a commitment encouraging voter turnout amongst students; and
Whereas, Four University of Arkansas Benchmark Institutions have enacted either an academic holiday or asynchronous class day on Election Day; and

Whereas, Asynchronous learning is defined as learning that does not require real-time interaction; instead, content is available online for students to access when it best suits their schedules, and assignments are completed to deadlines; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate calls on the University of Arkansas to mandate Tuesday, November 3rd an asynchronous class day to give students and faculty the opportunity to cast their ballot.

Be it therefore resolved: A copy of this resolution be sent to Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Charles F. Robinson and Vice Provost Terry Martin.

Amendments: ________________________________

Vote Count: Aye ________ Nay ________ Abstentions ________

Legislation Status: Passed ________ Failed ________ Other ________

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Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate   Date

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Julia Nall, ASG President   Date