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**A Resolution in Support of a Live Mascot Partnership Between  
Hueston Woods State Park and Miami University**

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**Whereas:** Goggin Ice Arena averaged 3,004 fans per game in the 2012-2013 season and has dropped to an average of 2,698 fans per game in the 2014-2015 season.

**Whereas:** Yager Stadium averaged 15,707 total fans per game last season per National Collegiate Athletic Association attendance figures.

**Whereas:** According to NCAA Bylaw 20.9.9.3, programs in the Football Bowl Subdivision “shall average at least 15,000 in actual or paid attendance for all home football contests over a rolling two-year period.”

**Whereas:** The U.S. Naval Academy, Temple University, University of North Carolina, Yale University, Auburn University, University of Georgia, and University of Texas all feature live mascots as a cornerstone of their varsity athletic experiences.

**Whereas:** In 1977, Miami University established Chief Miami, a Native American mascot, to appear at football and basketball games, increasing school spirit and knowledge of the Myaamia tribe.

**Whereas:** Since 1992, Miami has provided mascots, Tom-O-Hawk and Swoop, dressed in Red Hawk costumes.

**Whereas:** Red-tailed hawks, courtesy of Hueston Woods State Park, have appeared at Miami University sanctioned events in past years.

**Whereas:** Hueston Woods State Park Naturalist, Shawn Conner, has volunteered to supply a red-tailed hawk for Miami sporting events at no cost to the University.

**Whereas:** A partnership between Miami University and Hueston Woods will promote both school spirit and environmental awareness.

**Therefore be it resolved:** ASG officially supports a partnership between the Miami University Athletic Department and Hueston Woods State Park to feature a live, red-tailed hawk at select varsity sporting events.

**Further it be resolved:** ASG commits to sponsoring fundraisers and awareness events for Hueston Woods State Park in conjunction with the above provision.