Resolution on Faculty Senate Support of Feral Cat Initiative at UCA

WHEREAS, multiple colonies of feral cats live at locations across the UCA campus and their presence has generated concern from some constituents regarding risks to human health; and

WHEREAS, efforts by the City of Conway to exterminate cats on campus are ineffective as new populations of unvaccinated and breeding cats move into the territory that extermination opens; and

WHEREAS, trap-neuter-vaccinate-release (TNVR) programs on university campuses demonstrably reduce and stabilize the cat population and improve the health of these animals, thereby reducing the risk of any vectors transmissible to humans; and

WHEREAS, campus personnel working in conjunction with Out of The Woods network, a non-profit pet adoption and pet rescue organization, have been attempting management of the cats on campus with little support,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the UCA Faculty Senate will support the establishment of a TNVR program on UCA's campus by allocating \$500 towards the Pre –Vet RSO to work in conjunction & out of woods network for this purpose.