1. **STATEMENT**

As a state-supported institution of higher education, Texas A&M International University shall remain neutral in partisan political activities. Individual faculty, staff, and students continue to enjoy all constitutional rights and privileges concerning freedom of speech and participation in political events, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions.

2. **ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS**

The University will not endorse, recommend, or otherwise indicate partisan political support for any candidate for an elected office, or for any current officeholder of such an office. The University intends and expects that all of its employees shall avoid any behavior that could reasonably be interpreted as University endorsement, support, or promotion of political candidates or partisan political activities. Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to limit the right or ability of any member of the University's faculty or staff to express their personal opinions or exercise his or her right to engage in political activities outside his or her official capacity or affiliation with the University, within the limits of the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) Ethics Policy 07.01, and TAMUS Policy 33.01, Obligations as a System Employee.

3. **DISCRIMINATION BASED ON POLITICAL VIEWPOINT**

The University shall not discriminate against any organization or individual on the basis of political affiliation or doctrine.

4. **USE OF FACILITIES AND UNIVERSITY FUNDS**

4.1 Political candidates (either incumbents or new office seekers, members of their staff or their campaign representatives) are not permitted to use University property for political campaign events.

4.2 In accordance with the TAMUS Ethics Policy, no University employee shall expend or authorize the expenditure of any University funds, services, or supplies for the purpose of influencing the outcome of any election or partisan political activity.
5. **RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPONSORSHIP OF CAMPAIGN EVENTS**

Officially recognized student organizations may sponsor partisan political activities of events on campus in accordance with guidance established by the Division of Student Life.

6. **USE OF SYMBOLS, INSIGNIA, OR MARKS**

The University prohibits the use of any of its symbols, insignias, or other identifying marks in association with any activity that involves the endorsement, support, or promotions of political candidates or partisan political activities. This prohibition also includes any University-affiliated organization such as athletic teams.

7. **VISITS BY CURRENT POLITICAL OFFICEHOLDERS**

7.1 The President designee should be notified when a visit by a current political officeholder is proposed.

7.2 When a holder of a political office visits the University, the officeholder shall be afforded all due respect and courtesies to which their office entitles them. The officeholder may not, however, engage in any partisan political activities, including campaigning for themselves or on behalf of others unless they comply with these Rules.

7.3 If the nature of the officeholder’s visit is unclear prior to arrival, the President or the President’s designee, will request a written statement from the officeholder outlining the purpose of the visit.

8. **DISCLAIMER STATEMENT**

The University reserves the right to require that a statement be made prior to the presentation of any speaker that the views expressed are not necessarily those of the institution or the sponsoring group.

**OFFICE OF RESPONSIBILITY:**
Office of the President