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A RESOLUTION

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA FOLLOWING THE EVENTS OF AUGUST 11-12, 2017

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 11, 2017, AT LEAST SEVERAL DOZEN SELF-PROCLAIMED WHITE NATIONALISTS MARCHED THROUGH THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CARRYING TORCHES AND CHANTING VARIOUS NAZI, ANTI-SEMITIC, AND WHITE SUPREMACIST SLOGANS; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 12, A CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE, REPRESENTING VARIOUS FAR-RIGHT, NEO-NAZI, AND WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS, GATHERED IN CHARLOTTESVILLE'S EMANCIPATION PARK IN ANTICIPATION OF A PLANNED "UNITE THE RIGHT" RALLY; THE CROWD, MUCH OF IT OPENLY ARMED, ENGAGED IN FIGHTING WITH COUNTER PROTESTERS AT THE SCENE, REQUIRING RIOT POLICE TO CLEAR THE PARK; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, AROUND 1:45 P.M. ON AUGUST 12, A RALLY ATTENDEE WITH TIES TO WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS DROVE HIS VEHICLE INTO A CROWD OF COUNTER PROTESTERS, KILLING ONE AND INJURING NINETEEN; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, WHILE AMERICAN LEGAL PRECEDENT CONSIDERS HATE SPEECH TO BE PROTECTED FREE SPEECH, THE STATEMENTS MADE AND ACTIONS DONE BY THESE GROUPS – AND THE STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS PROMISED FOLLOWING THESE EVENTS – CROSS SO FAR INTO INCITEMENT AND ACTUAL VIOLENCE THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED LEGALLY PROTECTED; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THE STUDENTS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY LIVE AND STUDY IN A CITY THAT KNOWS ALL TOO WELL WHAT CAN HAPPEN – AND HAS HAPPENED – WHEN RACIST STATEMENTS, ACTIONS, AND STRUCTURES ARE NOT CHALLENGED; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE STUDENTS OF THIS UNIVERSITY STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF CHARLOTTESVILLE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA IN

THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RESIST THOSE WHO PROPAGATE RACIST, WHITE-SUPREMACIST, NEO-CONFEDERATE, ANTI-SEMITIC, AND XENOPHOBIC OPPRESSION IN WORD AND DEED; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS STUDENT GOVERNMENT RECOMMITS ITSELF TO WORKING AGAINST SUCH MANIFESTATIONS OF HATE IN ITS OWN COMMUNITY AND THE FORCES THAT FEED INTO THEM, AND

PARAGRAPH 8: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO DR. DERECK ROVARIS, LSU VICE PROVOST AND CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER; JASON BADEAUX, LSU STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT; SARAH KENNY, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT; AND MICHAEL SIGNER, MAYOR OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA.

PARAGRAPH 9: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

APPROVED:

JAMES J. MICKLER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: _____

JASON J. BADEAUX
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____