



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Resolution 31-30

A Resolution Condemning Racism on Campus

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WHEREAS, the University of Georgia student body has expressed disgust and outrage after a video of several fraternity members using racial slurs and making derogatory gestures was posted on Snapchat and subsequently distributed online; and,

WHEREAS, a fraternity was suspended over a video mocking the institution of slavery and belittling the hardship and contributions made by enslaved peoples; and,

WHEREAS, the fraternity has been suspended by its national organization and the students involved in the incident have been expelled from the fraternity; and,

WHEREAS, this incident has been referred to the University's Equal Opportunity Office in accordance with relevant and applicable laws and policies governing such incidents; and,

WHEREAS, the UGA NAACP, in conjunction with the Student Government Association, hosted an open forum to promote dialogue and discourse on campus with university administrators regarding the incident and how the university can address racism on campus.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, condemns racism in the strongest terms; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Government Association recommends the University of Georgia, including but not limited to, the Office of the President, Student Affairs, and Office of Institutional Diversity, work in conjunction with the Student Government Association to facilitate discussions about racism on campus for students; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these discussions should include, but not be limited to, education of students and staff, implicit racial bias, and the impacts of offensive language; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Student Government Association will host a follow-up discussion for students on campus to discuss the comments, suggestions, and sentiments expressed by students at the “In Solidarity Discussion” by the thirty first of April, two thousand nineteen.



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