RESOLUTION

To condemn the acts of hatred, bigotry, and insensitivity that have been recently committed in the East Carolina University Community and to urge a response by the Student Government Association.

Primary Sponsor: Speaker Moore
Cosponsor(s): Senator Lockhart, Senator Lam, Senator Sepulveda, Senator Caldwell
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Referred to: N/A
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Resolved,

SECTION 1. HATE SPEECH RESPONSE.

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2014 a swastika was painted on the door of an a member of the East Carolina University student body; and,

WHEREAS, in the time since that incident the phrase “I hate Jews” was scrawled into a bathroom stall in Fletcher Residence Hall; and,

WHEREAS, this type of racial hatred and insensitivity is incompatible with the values of East Carolina University; and,

WHEREAS, the administration of East Carolina University has failed to adequately condemn these actions; and,

WHEREAS, the East Carolina University Student Government Association serves to advocate and represent a diverse student body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the East Carolina University Student Government Association condemns these actions which are not merely actions that violate the core principles and values of East Carolina University, but the East Carolina University Student Government Association condemns these acts of anti-Semitism as hateful and bigoted actions that will not be tolerated at East Carolina University; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the East Carolina University Student Government Association should pursue resources to protect students from becoming victims of hatred, bigotry, and intolerance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the East Carolina University Student Government Association should also pursue the increase in educational opportunities to prevent such actions of hatred, bigotry, and intolerance; as well as to inform students and the faculty of how to report these incidents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the East Carolina University Student Government Association should pursue the option of hosting an event intended to educate the students and the faculty, such as a seminar or guest speaker; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the East Carolina University Student Government Association should also advocate for the increase in resources for students who have been the victims of hatred, bigotry, or intolerance so that the victims are not victimized by both the attack itself, but also by an ineffective and insufficient system intended to deal with the attack; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be distributed to Chancellor Steve Ballard, Vice Chancellor Virginia Hardy, Faculty Senate Chair Andrew Morehead, Interim Provost Ron Mitchelson, Dean of Students Lynn Roeder, and the Chair of the Board of Trustees Robert Brinkley.

SECTION 2. DATE EFFECTIVE.

This Resolution shall be effective upon its signing by the Student Body President.

Respectfully Introduced by Speaker Tyler Moore, Senator for the Honors College.