



**A Resolution
To Denounce the Public Display of Confederate Flags at Clemson University**

Resolution No. 2

2018/2019 Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate
Committee: Inclusion and Equity

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- 1. Purpose:** To express Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate's objection to publicly displayed Confederate flags on and/or around campus by student and community groups.
- 3. Whereas,** on August 26th, 2018, Confederate flags were publicly displayed in protest on Highway 93 and on the Highway 123 pedestrian bridge by community members, and
- 6. Whereas,** throughout history, the Confederate flag has been seen as a symbol of hatred, racism, slavery, and white nationalism, and is associated with organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party in which they both have used the Confederate flag as a symbol to oppose any "change to the South's racial status quo", according to historian John Coski, and
- 11. Whereas,** the display of this flag is not illegal; however, it does promote racial tensions at a university which prides itself on its core values of Honesty, Integrity, and Respect, and
- 14. Whereas,** on June 29th, 2015, Clemson's Board of Trustees passed a resolution in favor of removing the Confederate flag from State House grounds saying, "the Clemson University Board of Trustees supports the efforts of Governor Haley and many of the state's political, civic and business leaders in urging for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the South Carolina State House grounds", with the knowledge that the connotation associated with this piece of history is negative and antipathetic to the inclusion and comfort of all students, and
- 21. Whereas,** as representatives of the undergraduate student body it is our responsibility to support and advocate for every student and make sure that every student feels safe, both while on campus and in the surrounding Clemson community. Therefore,
- 24. Be it Resolved** by the Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate assembled in regular session the following:
- 26. That** on behalf of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body, we stand against the adverse notions the Confederate flag brings to a campus pushing for inclusivity, and





28. That publicly, we, Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate, do stand against the display
29. of the Confederate flag and believe this sentiment should be expressed to our students,
30. faculty, administration, and surrounding Clemson community.

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