

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
2. 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
4. protest on Highway 93 and on the Highway 123 pedestrian bridge by community
5. members, and
6. **Whereas,** throughout history, the Confederate flag has been seen as a symbol of hatred,
7. racism, slavery, and white nationalism, and is associated with organizations such as the
8. Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party in which they both have used the
9. Confederate flag as a symbol to oppose any "change to the South's racial status quo",
10. according to historian John Coski, and
11. **Whereas,** the display of this flag is not illegal; however, it does promote racial tensions
12. at a university which prides itself on its core values of Honesty, Integrity, and Respect,
13. and
14. **Whereas,** on June 29th, 2015, Clemson's Board of Trustees passed a resolution in favor
15. of removing the Confederate flag from State House grounds saying, "the Clemson
16. University Board of Trustees supports the efforts of Governor Haley and many of the
17. state's political, civic and business leaders in urging for the removal of the Confederate
18. battle flag from the South Carolina State House grounds", with the knowledge that the
19. connotation associated with this piece of history is negative and antipathetic to the
20. inclusion and comfort of all students, and
21. **Whereas,** as representatives of the undergraduate student body it is our responsibility to
22. support and advocate for every student and make sure that every student feels safe, both
23. while on campus and in the surrounding Clemson community. Therefore,
24. **Be it Resolved** by the Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate assembled in regular
25. session the following:
26. **That** on behalf of the Clemson University Undergraduate Student Body, we stand against
27. 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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