

**COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**  
**Michigan State University**

**Resolution:** 16-FS-19

**Title:** A Resolution Condemning Acts of Hate, Violence, and Intimidation

**Introduced by:** President Dee Jordan

**Introduced on:** 12/5/16

**Supported by:** 2016-2017 Executive Board

**THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:**

1           WHEREAS, The Council of Graduate Students (COGS) is the constitutionally authorized governing body for all  
2 graduate and graduate-professional students at Michigan State University; and,

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4           WHEREAS, COGS fully support the diversity and inclusion of all graduate and graduate-professional students,  
5 regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, social class,  
6 political party, military status, national origin, or visa/immigration status; and,

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8           WHEREAS, in her November 17th communication to the University community President Lou Anna K. Simon  
9 reminds us that our core value is inclusion, and universities like Michigan State are diverse places and we embrace and  
10 value students, faculty, and staff with a multitude of backgrounds, experiences, and political persuasions; and,

11           WHEREAS, President Simon also reminds us that racism, bigotry, sexism, misogyny – and hatred and violence –  
12 are simply wrong; and that we must speak out against intolerance and insensitivity when we see it; and,

13           RECOGNIZING, in the days following the 2016 U.S. Presidential election there have been troubling reports of  
14 threatening behavior, hatred, verbal attacks, and physical assaults on students, faculty, staff, and administrators at  
15 institutions across the country, including our own campus; therefore,

16           BE IT RESOLVED, while supporting each person’s constitutionally protected rights, the Council of Graduate  
17 Students condemns any acts of hate speech, violence, or intimidation of any kind expressed towards any member of our  
18 community; and,

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, COGS will advocate for the safe supportive matriculation of all graduate and  
20 graduate-professional students at MSU. Therefore, should members of the Executive Board become aware that such acts  
21 have been perpetrated on students in our community, a General Student Regulations (GSR) violation will be reported to  
22 the Department of Student Life for investigation and an anti-harassment and nondiscrimination complaint will be filed  
23 with the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) ; and,


24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following resources are available to MSU students should they need  
25 assistance: The Counseling Center (<http://counseling.msu.edu/>), The Office of Institutional Equity (<http://oie.msu.edu/>),  
26 and the MSU Police Department (<http://police.msu.edu/>); and,

27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon conclusion of the Full Council  
28 Meeting in which it is adopted.

INTRODUCED ON: December 7, 2016

VOTE TOTALS:

49 FOR  
1 AGAINST  
1 ABSTAIN

  
Recording Secretary

  
President