

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
Michigan State University

Resolution: 18-SS-30

Title: A Resolution to Declare Richard Spencer Persona Non-Grata

Introduced by: Rep. Gonzalez, President Fuente **Introduced on:** February 21, 2018

Supported by: Executive Board 2017-18

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
ENACTS:

WHEREAS, The National Policy Institute (NPI) is a white supremacist organization whose mission is to spread hateful and divisive rhetoric;

WHEREAS, The NPI's President, Richard Spencer, is coming to speak at Michigan State University on March 5, 2018;

RECOGNIZING, The increased sightings of white supremacist flyers across and around campus leading up to this event, including Patriot Front, one of the organizations instrumental in perpetrating the tragic events in Charlottesville, Virginia that led to senseless violence, including the death of Heather Heyer;

RECOGNIZING, That the East Lansing and Lansing community must stand together in the face of a hate group that threatens both the physical and emotional security of members of our community, and create caring and nurturing spaces to celebrate diversity and inclusion;

BE IT RESOLVED, That COGS declares Richard Spencer persona non grata;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That COGS condemns any manifestation of hate or prejudice that take place at Michigan State University towards any individual or group of students due to their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity/expression, dis/ability, or other minoritized social identity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That COGS will continue to work and advocate beside MSU's student and professional organizations for an inclusive and safe campus where diversity is celebrated and recognized as an important element of the university ecosystem;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution will take effect at the end of the Full Council meeting in which it was adopted.

INTRODUCED ON:

VOTE TOTALS:

<u>43</u>	FOR
<u>1</u>	AGAINST
<u>6</u>	ABSTAIN


Recording Secretary


President