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Resolution 81-17-R2: Resolution to Support the “Student Body Presidents for UVA” Signed Document

**PURPOSE:** For the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Murray State University to support the document signed by Student Body Presidents across the United States.

**WHEREAS:** In light of recent events at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia, the Student Government Association of Murray State University supports the importance of diversity and inclusion on University campuses’, and

**WHEREAS:** We firmly stand beside the Murray State University community pledge and its four principles. Each person who accepts membership in the university community must realize that membership obligates him or her, regardless of roles or responsibilities, to commit to and practice several basic principles of diversity: accepting one another, learning from one another, creating an atmosphere of positive engagement and challenging bigotry, and

**WHEREAS:** As a Murray State University community, we strive to include the four basic principles of diversity in activities, programs and daily interactions.

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Murray State University supports the “Student Body Presidents for UVA” document signed by Student Body Presidents across the United States.

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## **As Student Body Presidents across the United States,**

we are deeply saddened by the events that have occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia. We are united with the students of the University of Virginia, as what affects one of our campuses affects us all. College campuses are spaces that students should be able to call home, not places of violence, hate, and racism. Students should always feel welcome and safe at our incredible higher education institutions, never having to fear for their personal well-being. As the voice of our students, we collectively call on one another to speak up in the face of injustice, as silence reduces us to bystanders in oppression. This is a statement to not only support the Student Body at the University of Virginia but to make clear our advocacy for the victimized and marginalized students on all our campuses. We will continue to support students and universities in their peaceful resistance to violence, racism, white supremacy, bigotry, and acts of terrorism on our own campuses and beyond. If the students of the University of Virginia or the citizens of Charlottesville need any assistance, please know you have a network of universities that supports you.

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