



Associated Students In Solidarity with Black Lives Matter

Whereas, The Associated Students at Humboldt State University mission is “to provide a means for responsible and effective participation in the governance of the campus; provide an official voice through which students’ opinions may be expressed; foster awareness of these opinions both on and off-campus; assist in the protection of the rights and interests of the individual student and the student body; provide services and programs as deemed necessary by the corporation to meet the needs of the student and campus community; and to stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural wellbeing of the University community”¹ per the A.S. Constitution (last revised spring 2018); and,

Whereas, The Associated Students at Humboldt State University are committed to social justice as per resolution 2019-20-01 An act to Clarify the Commitment of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University stating “The Term Social Justice is defined as is a concept of **fair** and **just** relations between the individual and society. This is measured by the explicit and tacit terms for the distribution of wealth, opportunities for personal activity, and social privileges”²; and,

Whereas, It is then the duty of the Associated Students to seek out and stand against all unfair and unjust relations between the individual and society by aiding them in the positive distribution of opportunities of personal activities and social privilege; and,

Whereas, The Black Lives Matter Movement was created in July 2013 as a response to the unfair and unjust criminal justice system in the United States, specifically, the treatment of the case of Travon Martin, where, a white-passing male was allowed to walk free and be acquitted after murdering of the young man, Trayvon Martin; and,

Whereas, For the past 6 years the Black Lives Matters movement has constantly maintained its fight against the unfair treatment of the Black community in the United States through spearheading social media campaigns to shed light on the unjust system, providing information services for the undocumented Black community in the United States, providing social media material and art to share around the globe, creating healing kits for the social justice warriors

¹ A.S. Constitution last revised spring 2018

² A.S. Resolution 2019-20-01

around the world, creating web series & podcasts to educate on the fight for justice and freedom; and,

Whereas, In recent times creating and providing Covid-19 response resources, and creating chapters across the nation and the globe to continue the fight against the unfair and unjust system in the United States, ultimately, fighting against Anti-Blackness & equipping others to fight simultaneously; and,

Whereas, Anti-Blackness has been present in this nation for over half of a millennium, where Black people in this nation have been subject to both the direct sickness and symptoms of the worst illness that has ever reared its face on the planet to date; and,

Whereas, a millennium is one-thousand years, wherein half of that time, countless wars have been fought, civilizations built, nations formed, disasters averted, religions founded, new worlds discovered, space travel invented, all with the help of Black lives; and,

Whereas, It has come to the attention of the Associated Students at Humboldt State University that, once again, Black lives in the form of this movement have been a leading force in the fight for social justice, transforming everyday individuals into social justice warriors through peaceful protesting, counteracting deliberate misinformation, as well as creating spaces for people to process the events in these past few weeks concerning the deaths of Black lives around the United States; and,

Now, Therefore, as President of the Associated Students, being empowered by the A.S. Governing Codes Section 15.02 stating “A proclamation shall be a decree by the President of the Associated Students officially commending and/or recognizing the action(s) of an individual, group or club, or announcing special events of concern to Humboldt State University students.”³ I decree, that the Associated Students at Humboldt State University formally stand in solidarity with all Black lives and the Black Lives Matter Movement.

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Jeremiah Finley, A.S. President Date: June 6th, 2020

³ A.S. Government Code Last revised Spring 2018