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1 **S.A. Resolution #8**

2 **Condemning Hate Crimes and Hate Speech, and Supporting Students**

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution affirms the Student Assembly’s solidarity with the Cornell community
5 and requests the appropriate considerations and additions to the Campus Code of Conduct through
6 the University Assembly Codes and Judicial Committee.

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8 **Sponsored by: Tristan Magloire ’20, Mayra Valadez ’18, Alec Martinez ’18, and Matthew**
9 **Indimine ’18**

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11 **Whereas**, over the past year there has been an increase in hate-based incidents on college campuses
12 across the country;

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14 **Whereas**, on September 6, 2017 one or more Zeta Psi member(s) shouted “build a wall around the
15 LLC” at the Latino Living Center;

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17 **Whereas**, on September 15, 2017 multiple alleged Psi Upsilon members, a fraternity no longer
18 affiliated with Cornell University, used racial slurs against a Black Cornell student and
19 violently assaulted him and other members of his fraternity on their own property;

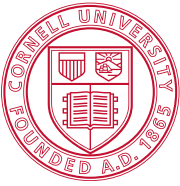
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21 **Whereas**, later the same day on September 15, 2017, two or more Cornell students were captured
22 on video using racial slurs against another student;

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24 **Whereas**, all of these incidents appear to be clear violations of the Campus Code of Conduct,
25 should the allegations prove true, as it is a violation of the Campus Code of Conduct to:
26 • “harass another person...by acting toward that person in a manner that is by objective
27 measure threatening, abusive, or severely annoying and that is beyond the scope of free
28 speech,”
29 or
30 • “assault or cause any physical injury to another person on the basis of disability,
31 ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation or affectional
32 preference;”

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34 **Whereas**, the Ithaca Police have arrested John P.A. Greenwood ’20 involved on September 15 and
35 charged said student with one count of assault in the third degree; and later the

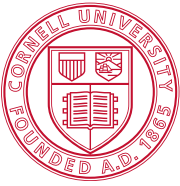
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37 **Whereas**, the Ithaca police are investigating the events of September 15 as a possible hate crime;

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39 **Whereas**, pursuant to New York State Penal Law Article 485, hate crimes “do more than threaten
40 the safety and welfare of all citizens” because they “inflict on victims incalculable physical
41 and emotional damage and tear at the very fabric of free society,” “send a powerful message
42 of intolerance and discrimination” and “disrupt entire communities and vitiate the civility
43 that is essential to healthy democratic processes;”



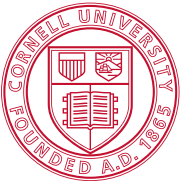
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45 **Whereas**, bias, discrimination, and hate crimes, by their nature, affect the fabric of the Cornell
46 community, prevent the fulfillment of and are deeply antithetical to Cornell's motto "I
47 would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study;"
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49 **Whereas**, these recent events place the onus on Cornell University to establish and justify its
50 members' trust in our community;
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52 **Whereas**, we, the Student Assembly, acknowledge that violence is not merely interpersonal, but also
53 institutional and historic;
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55 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly unequivocally condemns all forms of the
56 kyriarchy which these racist actions are a manifestation of;
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58 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls on all members of the Cornell community
59 to join us in this condemnation;
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61 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly charges all members of the Cornell community to
62 consider how best to heal these harms, and how best to accord all members of our
63 community the equal dignity and respect due to them as our peers;
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65 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly unequivocally supports all of the demands made
66 to the Administration by Black Students United and La Asociación Latina;
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68 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls on the University Assembly Codes and
69 Judicial Committee to expedite consideration of Campus Code of Conduct changes
70 requested by Black Students United; by the end of the fall 2017 semester.
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72 **Be it further resolved** that Cornell University fulfills its commitment to students by never
73 recognizing the Chi Chapter of Psi Upsilon again;
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75 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls on the University Assembly Codes and
76 Judicial Committee to add "documentation status" to the Campus Code of Conduct Title
77 III, Article II, Section A.
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79 **Respectfully Submitted,**
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82 *Co-Chair, Black Students United*
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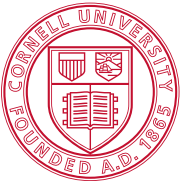
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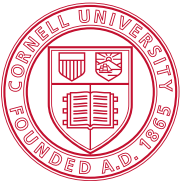
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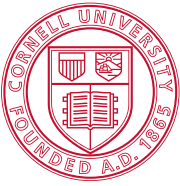
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285 *President, Cornell Democrats*
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288 *Reviewed by: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 5-0-1, 09/19/2017*
289 *Approved by the Student Assembly, 9/21/17; vote: 21-0-1 (ayes included 2 community votes)*