

1 **RESOLUTION 1920-012**

2 **A RESOLUTION COMDEMNING THE INJUSTICES AGAINST THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND**
3 **COLUMBUS PROTESTORS BY THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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5 Sponsor: Executive Committee
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7 WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled
8 at The Ohio State University as established by Article II.I of the CGS Constitution; and
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10 WHEREAS the Council or its appointed representative(s) have the power to sit as an advisory agent on behalf
11 of graduate students on all matters brought before personnel, committees, or agencies of The Ohio State
12 University involving the interest of graduate students as established in Article III Section 3 of the CGS
13 Constitution; and
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15 WHEREAS the Executive Committee transacts the business of the Council between its meetings and all actions
16 taken by the Committee shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting as established in Article V Section 1
17 Subsection A.i.; and
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19 WHEREAS graduate students have been engaged in peaceful demonstrations in Columbus to express outrage at
20 the police murder of George Floyd and highlight the need for drastic reform of police institutions; and
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22 WHEREAS those exercising their first amendment right to demonstrate peacefully in Columbus, including
23 Ohio State students, have been met with violent force and aggression in the form of tear-gas, pepper-spray¹,
24 rubber bullets, wooden bullets, and physical force by the Columbus Police Department; and
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26 WHEREAS the violent behavior of Columbus Police Department officers toward peaceful demonstrators has
27 been well documented²; and
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29 WHEREAS undercover Columbus Police Department officers killed 23-year-old Black Columbus resident
30 Henry Green³ in 2016; and
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32 WHEREAS then Deputy Chief and now Chief of the Columbus Police Department Thomas Quinlan wrote a
33 report clearing the officers involved in Henry Green's death of any wrongdoing³; and
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35 WHEREAS Columbus Police Department officers killed 13-year-old Black Columbus resident Tyre King in
36 2016 by shooting him multiple times in the back as he ran from police⁴; and
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38 WHEREAS the officer that killed Tyre King was cleared of wrongdoing and resumed work in another area
39 within the city of Columbus⁵; and
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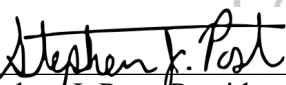
¹ <https://www.thelantern.com/2020/06/lantern-journalists-targeted-by-police-pepper-sprayed/>

² <https://whodoyouserve.org/>

³ <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20180216/henry-green-case-review-finds-officers-justified-in-2016-fatal-shooting>

⁴ <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/sep/19/tyre-king-shooting-columbus-police-examiner>

⁵ <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20180914/family-of-tyre-king-files-lawsuit-against-city-of-columbus-officer>

41 WHEREAS undercover Columbus Police Department officers killed 16-year-old Black Columbus resident
42 Julius Tate, Jr. in 2018⁶; and
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44 WHEREAS the officers involved in killing Julius Tate Jr. were cleared of any wrongdoing and instead
45 wrongfully charged the 16-year-old girlfriend of Tate, Masonique Saunders, with involuntary manslaughter and
46 a three-year prison sentence⁷; and
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48 WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department is a contracted partner of the Ohio State University; and
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50 WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department officers have used chemical agents and force against peaceful
51 Ohio State University students including student journalists⁸; and
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53 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council of Graduate Students voices solidarity with peaceful
54 demonstrations against police brutality in Columbus and around the nation; and
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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council of Graduate Students formally recognizes that “Black Lives
57 Matter” despite a national and institutional history of racism.
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council of Graduate Students desires the Ohio State University to identify
60 and implement alternative means of protecting the safety of students outside of current partnerships with the
61 Columbus Police Department with the input of both students and faculty.
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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council of Graduate Students recognizes and supports, as a means of
64 initiating critical conversation and engagement with the Ohio State University administration, the statement put
65 out on June 1, 2020 by the presidents of the student governments.
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67 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students directs its President, Vice President, and
68 Chief of Staff to distribute this resolution to all proper leadership and authorities of The Ohio State University
69 and its partners.
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71 Approved: **Yes**/No
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73 Date: __ 6/12/20 __
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77 Stephen J. Post, President

⁶ <https://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/a-year-later-julius-tates-family-still-looking-for-justice-in-deadly-police-shooting>

⁷ <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20190802/masonique-saunders-given-3-year-sentence-in-death-of-boyfriend-shot-by-police>

⁸ <https://www.thelantern.com/2020/06/lantern-journalists-targeted-by-police-pepper-sprayed/>