



To: The University of St. Thomas Community

From: The General Council, the Undergraduate Student Government

**Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy and Hatred in All Forms
at The University of St. Thomas, Minnesota**

WHEREAS the Undergraduate Student Government of St. Thomas is the official voice for the undergraduate students at The University of St. Thomas, and

WHEREAS the St. Thomas student community is home to a plethora of intersectionality in addition to a variety of political perspectives, and

WHEREAS one of the convictions of our university is “dignity...we respect the dignity of each person and value the unique contributions that each brings to the greater mosaic of the university community”, and

WHEREAS hate speech and groups founded based on hate; violate that conviction, and

WHEREAS 2020 is a presidential election year, in which the racial climate is elevating the tension of the said election both within the surrounding community and nationally, and

WHEREAS during these times, groups that incite hatred, violence, marginalization towards BIPOC, and members of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as those who share the beliefs, become much more vocal, and

WHEREAS as student representatives appointed by our peers, it is our responsibility to make sure our community of all students but specifically those that are marginalized and underrepresented, feel safe and heard, and

WHEREAS our goals and intentions as a community and as an organization ought to practice equity by seeing the dignity in all members of the community, and reject white supremacist ideology of any form, and a public statement denouncing and discouraging white supremacy and hate speech (xenophobia, homophobia, etc.) is necessary and should aim to set this precedent across campus, thus, let it be

BE IT RESOLVED that the Undergraduate Student Government denounces the views and actions of White Supremacist, White Nationalist, and all other groups founded on the grounds of hate as this is incompatible with the values and convictions of our university community; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that USG recognizes the First Amendment right to free speech, but uses its own right to the First Amendment to discourage the presence of white supremacist ideology on campus, and any ideology that targets or threatens marginalized students/incites violence, through means of advocacy, public statements, and social action.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the University President’s Office strongly endorses this resolution.