



RESOLUTION No. 2011-12-5

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**REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION APPROVED: December 12, 2011**

SUBJECT: Resolution in Response to the Statewide Student Demonstrations

WHEREAS, the mission of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University (HSU) is to provide an official voice through which students opinions may be expressed and foster awareness of these opinions both on and off campus; while protecting the rights and interests of individual students; and,

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of Humboldt State University (HSU) recognizes that over the past month, groups of college students throughout the state of California have mobilized and participated in non-violent demonstrations to voice their concerns over the rising costs of tuition throughout California, as well as express their frustration in relation to other economic and social injustices that have become increasingly relevant throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2011 students at the University of California, Berkeley, were met with excessive police force as they were struck brutally with police batons while attempting to establish a peaceful encampment on Sproul Plaza, resulting in several injuries and over 40 student arrests; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2011 students at the University of California, Davis, were pepper sprayed while peacefully seated with arms linked, protesting the economic inequalities facing California students; and,

WHEREAS, both incidents have sent shock waves throughout California, the higher education community, and the nation, marking a disturbing new trend of police aggression and violence against peaceful forms of democratic expression that are so deeply engrained in the traditions of our universities and the landscape of American freedom; and,

WHEREAS, the importance of free and open political expression on university campuses can be seen in the progress made by student activists in the Civil Rights Movement, as well as the push to bring an end to the Vietnam War; and,

WHEREAS, the significance of such expression has been further displayed on Humboldt State University campus for decades with numerous protests, and most recently Occupy Humboldt; and,

WHEREAS, these forms of political thought and expression create the atmosphere that is not only important but essential in order for universities to continue to serve as a hub for positive forms of dissent and protest, which cultivate visions of change and progress; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Humboldt State University supports longstanding traditions of nonviolent expression on university campuses, and defends the rights of students to express themselves freely and non-violently, without violence or threat of violence on behalf of university police; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Associated Students condemns any and all deployment of violence by university officials against members of the University community who are participating in peaceful forms of political expression; and, be it further

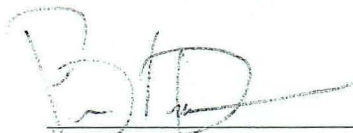
RESOLVED, the Associated Students commend recent efforts of campus administration and UPD in fostering a free and open political expression on our campus in regards to Occupy Humboldt; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students urge President Richmond and other university administrators to publicly commit to making our university a safe location for peaceful public assembly and implement and uphold policies that reflect this commitment; and, be it finally

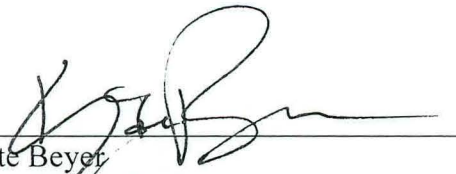
RESOLVED, this resolution shall be sent, but not limited to: CSU Chancellor, Dr. Charles Reed; All members of the CSU Board of Trustees; HSU President, Dr. Rollin Richmond; Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Dr. Peg Blake; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Snyder; UPD Chief Lynne Soderberg; The University Senate; All University Departments; Times Standard and The Lumberjack; and all CSU Associated Students



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