

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA**  
**2465 Campus Road, Campus Center 211A**  
**Honolulu, HI 96822**

**In the Senate**  
**June 10, 2020**

**Senate Resolution 01-21**  
**For First Reading**

**A RESOLUTION**

**In Solidarity With the Black Lives Matter Movement**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS*, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Senate is the elected body representing approximately 10,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS*, the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Nina Pop, David McAtee, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, Riah Milton, Tamir Rice and far too many Black people underscore the anti-Black racism ingrained in American society; and,
- WHEREAS*, as of 2019, the Black community represented 13.4% of the U.S. population<sup>1</sup>; and,
- WHEREAS*, of the 1,098 people killed by the police in 2019, 24% were Black<sup>2</sup>; and,
- WHEREAS*, Black people are three times more likely to be killed in an interaction with the police than the average person and are 1.3 times more likely to be unarmed compared to white people<sup>2</sup>; and
- WHEREAS*, in 2018, Black Americans represented 33% of prisoners, while representing 13.4% of the 2019 United States Census thus demonstrating the United States Justice System’s disproportionate incarceration of Black people<sup>3</sup>; and,
- WHEREAS*, a 2011 Report of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey stated 47% of Black Transgender people, nearly half of this

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045219>

<sup>2</sup> <https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/05/06/Black-imprisonment-rate-in-the-u-s-has-fallen-by-a-third-since-2006/>

population , have been incarcerated at some point, demonstrating a disproportionate incarceration of Black transgender people<sup>4</sup>; and,

*WHEREAS,*

the Black liberation movement in the U.S. – from its conception as an anti-slavery movement, through the Civil Rights Era, and through now – has been a struggle for the human rights and dignity of Black people throughout the U.S. and the globe<sup>5</sup>; and,

*WHEREAS,*

UH Mānoa’s Department of Ethnic Studies released a statement voicing, “This moment serves as a disturbing reminder of the long, unaddressed legacy of colonial and racial violence in the United States against land, bodies, and communities that deny Black Americans safety and freedom on a daily basis”<sup>6</sup>; and,

*WHEREAS,*

the UH Mānoa Campus Climate Committee emailed a statement to UHM faculty, staff, and the student body voicing allyship with the Black Lives Matter Movement, and support of actions to better educate ourselves; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH condemns any and all forms of anti-Black racism, including police brutality; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH stands in solidarity with Black students, faculty, and staff within the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa community, and with the Black community across the U.S. and globally; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH supports members of the Black community, including the Black LGBTQ+ community, who have historically and continue to experience gender, sexuality, and race based violence; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED*

the ASUH supports the work of the Black Student Association at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH is committed to uplifting and amplifying Black voices; and,

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<sup>4</sup> [https://www.transequality.org/sites/default/files/docs/resources/NTDS\\_Report.pdf](https://www.transequality.org/sites/default/files/docs/resources/NTDS_Report.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://time.com/4144655/international-human-rights-day-black-lives-matter/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://drive.google.com/file/d/181W0xtj9GsRPeoOQqtguAkPQLcpO0cS4/view>

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH recognizes recent protests as a demand for change resulting from generations of concerns raised against racial discrimination and police brutality being neglected; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED*

although the ASUH recognizes systemic racism as a pervasive force that affects all indigenous communities and people of color, the ASUH also recognizes the importance of not co-opting or detracting from the Black Lives Matter movement; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH recognizes the U.S. government's oppression of Black lives as a human rights issue, and a maintainer of the status quo of white supremacy which historically and currently subjects Black people and communities to dehumanization on a systemic level; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH recognizes the U.S. government's unwarranted violent responses to peaceful protests and medics performing their duties as being grotesque violations of our constitutional and human rights to speech, association, and assembly; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH recognizes the intersectional model of social justice, and implores for allyship and solidarity to be sustained not only during the Black Lives Matter movement, and beyond; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH is committed to being proactive in contributing to and facilitating community-based dialogues and solutions that center Black liberation in the fight for an equitable, racism-free future; now therefore,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

the ASUH recognizes that all lives can't matter until Black lives matter; and,

*BE IT RESOLVED,*

Black Lives Matter; and,

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*

the ASUH calls on the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to hold itself accountable to its responsibilities by actively supporting and uplifting students, faculty, and departments in building anti-racist curriculum and anti-bias pedagogy; and,

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*

the ASUH strongly encourages the University of Hawai'i administration and pertinent campus wide committees to directly consult with the Black Student Association in order to make informed decisions regarding the provision of resources and

guidance for Black students when addressing campus climate issues related to the Black community; and,

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, the ASUH strongly encourages any and all to continue supporting, uplifting, and advocating for this movement until justice, liberation, and freedom are secured; and,

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED*, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:  
the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Chair Benjamin Kudo and Members,  
President David Lassner, Provost Michael Bruno, Interim Vice Chancellor for Students  
Lori Ideta, Campus Climate Initiatives, the Graduate Student Organization, and Ka Leo O  
Hawai'i, HPD, Civil Beat, Mayor Kirk Caldwell,

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 01-21 WITH AMENDMENTS**

**Aye(s): [20]** Treasurer Oshiro, Secretary Gogue, SAL Bowersmith, SAL Kaeo, Senator Chua, Senator  
Columbres, Senator Crowell, Senator Heslia, Senator Hokama-Paris, Senator Keim, Senator  
Kim, Senator Lee, Senator Pierce, Senator Regaspi, Senator Renteria, Senator Saari, Senator  
Sabandal, Senator Seals, Senator Shimizu, Senator Smith

**Naye(s): [1]** SAL Williams

**Abstention(s) []**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE 108TH SENATE ON THE 17TH OF JUNE 2020**