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**Legislative Council**

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**A Resolution to Support the Halloween Campaign “We’re a Culture, Not a Costume”**

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**Resolution History**

Last Fall, a SORCE staff member proposed the idea of creating a campaign titled “We’re a Culture, Not a Costume.” The idea was sparked by conversations with historically marginalized students of color, on campus who expressed little enthusiasm in the approach of Halloween. Students expressed that, on campus and on the University community, Halloween was a celebration that caused them stress, fear and anger. It was related to the SORCE staff member that students from the dominant culture often times utilized Halloween as a platform to engage in racist behavior. Where students dress as particular races, ethnicities and cultures and play out exaggerated stereotypes of these marginalized bodies. In some occasions, these bodies and cultures were used as party themes. These concerns were then taken up to the dean of students, Christina Gonzalez who then assigned the Cultural Unity and Engagement Center (at the time it was the Center for Multicultural Affairs) the task of creating campaign posters. This was executed with the intent to problematize and call out this racist behavior, in hopes that it would deter students from engaging in these types of activities during Halloween.



Resolution Summary

This resolution seeks to support the Halloween Campaign “We’re a Culture, Not a Costume.” At minimum, CU student government wants to acknowledge that racism within the larger context of social climate issues, take place on the University setting. But further more we want to inform the student body at large that we do not tolerate nor support students engaging in behavior that otherizes and marginalizes students that are historically underrepresented on campus. This is also a step toward engaging in work that attempts to resolve the many social climate issue that the University of Colorado at Boulder faces. By promoting, advertising and tabling about this campaign through CUSG outlets we hope to inform the student body at large that every member of the University of Colorado at Boulder has the right to fell safe on campus.



**Whereas,** every member of the University of Colorado at Boulder has the right to feel safe on this campus and within the greater Boulder community;

**Whereas,** members of the University of Colorado at Boulder have the right to have their identity respected;

**Whereas,** the University of Colorado at Boulder community should provide an inclusive campus environment by respecting all community members culture;

**Whereas,** a University of Colorado at Boulder students’ identity should not be used as a costume, regardless if the intention is humorous;

**Whereas,** this is a reoccurring campaign, brought to campus by Student Affairs in 2013;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the University of Colorado Student Government THAT:**

Section 1.

CUSG will support the “We’re a Culture, Not Costume” campaign being promoted by the Student Affairs office.

Section 2.

Upon passage of this resolution, Student Government will support this campaign by promoting it on their social media sites, including Facebook, Twitter, and our website.

Section 3.

Upon passage of this resolution, it is advised that Legislative Council will use this resolution and campaign as a tabling subject the week of Halloween.

Section 4.

This resolution shall take effect upon passage by the legislative council and upon either obtaining the signature of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Tri-Executives.

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**Vote Count**

**10/16/14 Passed on 1st Reading Acclamation**

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