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A Resolution In Response to the Events of October 30, 2007

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Whereas: According to University Communications, on Tuesday afternoon, October 30, a Miami undergraduate produced an art project which was displayed on Patterson Avenue on the Oxford campus; and

Whereas: The art created, solely fabricated to symbolize a connection between life and death, in the said project, has unfortunately been perceived in association with historical attitudes of hatred and racism towards African-Americans; and

Whereas: Miami University strives for a culture of acceptance; and

Whereas: The promotion of diversity and inclusion has been a central focus under the tenure of President Hodge's administration.

Therefore be it resolved: The Associated Student Government, acting on the behalf of the best interest of its students, hereby responds to the actions of October 30, 2007 by encouraging the continued education and open discussion of the historical implications of racial issues and the benefits of a diverse student body.

Further be it resolved: Associated Student Government is sympathetic to the emotional distress some students of the Miami community experienced as a result of the images used in the project and expresses our heartfelt compassion for those students affected.

Further be it resolved: The Associated Student Government encourages Miami University to maintain an open line of communication with the student body and all other stakeholders by providing additional information as it becomes available.

Further be it resolved: Toward that effort, the Associated Student Government accepts the role of creating and facilitating programming,

forums, or centralized discussions in an effort to raise understanding and awareness of the cultural issues which are pertinent to our society today.

Further be it resolved: Toward that effort, the Associated Student Government, through the Diversity Affairs Council, a subsidiary body of the ASG, accepts the role as the chosen council to act as the central liason between the voices of the miami university student body and the university's administration through the role of creating and facilitating programming, forums, or centralized discussions in an effort to raise understanding and awareness of the cultural issues which are pertinent to our campus today.