

Resolution 15-13

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A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI CEASE FLYING THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG.

WHEREAS, the state flag of Mississippi is the only state flag in the nation that incorporates the Confederate battle flag in its design;

WHEREAS, the current Mississippi flag's incorporation of the Confederate battle flag divides our campus and state;

WHEREAS, the presence of the symbol in question on UM's campus undermines efforts to promote diversity and create a safe, tolerant academic environment for all students;

WHEREAS, the symbol in question violates the UM Creed, which calls for "respect for the dignity of each person;"

WHEREAS, the symbol in question ought not be associated with our university;

WHEREAS, taking down the current state flag on campus grounds would advance the university's efforts to create an inclusive space for all students; AND

WHEREAS, an additional aspect of this resolution is to encourage the Mississippi legislature to hasten their pursuit of a new state flag.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED THAT THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE REQUESTS THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI CEASE FLYING THE CURRENT MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG ON CAMPUS GROUNDS.

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