

MASC Legislation Title: Statement Against Discrimination

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Whereas, we the students of the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) support “providing students opportunities to speak out about issues that may directly affect them” (*MASC Legislative Platform, I. Peer Leadership, We Support: Line H*);

Whereas, “MASC shall foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students” (*MASC Constitution, Article II, Section 1*);

Whereas, all students should feel welcomed in all MASC events;

Whereas, no statement has been made about the racist, derogatory, or discriminatory comments and actions that occurred at the 2017 MASC Convention;

Whereas, various student leaders from the Associated Student Congress of Baltimore City, Charles County Association of Student Councils, Prince George’s Regional Association of Student Governments, and Montgomery County Region have expressed support of the following statements;

Be it hereby resolved, that we, the students of MASC, would like to adopt these three statements in accordance with the specific areas stated below:

Statement 1: (To Be Placed Within the MASC Platform Under Section “What We Do” and Subsection “Leadership Development & Youth Collaboration”)

We do not condone racism and discrimination in this organization. We strive to not only diversify our members, but educate them on diversity and its importance. In the future, we would like to ensure that every student has the right to respectfully share their views and perspectives without fear of harassment from their peers. We will ensure that every student with a concern is heard.”

Statement 2: (To Be Placed on MASC’s Social Media Outlets, i.e. twitter)

We, the students of MASC, do not condone racism and discrimination in this organization, nor will it be tolerated.
