



**JOINT CONDEMNATION of POLITICAL VIOLENCE  
and AFFIRMATION of SUPPORT for THE FIRST AMENDMENT**



Whereas institutions of higher learning are to be places of free and open debate--vital elements necessary for peaceful and respectful manner;

Whereas advocates for free speech and the First Amendment of the United States Constitution often engage on the campuses of higher learning institutions through conversation, debate, and protest;

Whereas it is agreed that those of differing political ideologies and opposing values ought to be able to set aside their differences and freely exchange ideas in good faith without fear of violent retribution;

Whereas on September 10, 2025, political activist, father, and husband Charles J. Kirk was assassinated during a speaking event on the campus of Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah in front of a crowd of witnesses;

Whereas on June 14, 2025, Minnesota State Representative and Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives Melissa Anne Hortman and her husband, Mark Hortman, were assassinated in their sleep on the same night that Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette Hoffman, were the victims of an attempted assassination in their home, by the same perpetrator;

Whereas on April 13, 2025, Pennsylvania Governor Joshua D. Shapiro, along with his wife, Lori Shapiro, their four children: Jonah, Max, Reuben, and Sophia, as well as another family, were forced to flee the Governor's Mansion after an attempted arson attack;

Whereas on July 13, 2024, the then-former President Donald J. Trump was wounded in but survived an attempted assassination while speaking in Butler, Pennsylvania. Meanwhile, a bystander: father and husband, Corey D. Comperatore, was struck and killed by a stray bullet. And, on September 15, 2024, Trump avoided another assassination attempt while he golfed at the Trump International Golf Club in Palm Beach, Florida;

Whereas in the Fall of 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer was targeted in a conspiracy set on her kidnapping, perpetrated by twelve since-convicted individuals from a local paramilitary militia group;

BE IT THEREFORE NOW RESOLVED that the Central Michigan University College Democrats and the Central Michigan University College Republicans affirm their commitment to condemning political violence, and affirm their belief in the exercise of the right to free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Central Michigan University College Democrats and the Central Michigan University College Republicans will, with the approval of their respective membership, send notice of this Resolution to Todd Regis, Central Michigan Board of Trustees Chairman and Dr. Neil MacKinnon, President of Central Michigan University; as well as Central Michigan Life and local news and media.

Signed this day of November 20, 2025 at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan

Steven M. Alee, President of Central Michigan University College Republicans

Parker G. Ward, President of Central Michigan University College Democrats