

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-NINTH SENATE
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**RESOLUTION #4912
In Solidarity with Syracuse University Protesters**

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ABSTRACT: This resolution aims to show support to the student protesters occupying Crouse-Hinds Hall at Syracuse University, and acknowledge the students' use of their constitutional rights in peaceful protest.

WHEREAS

Students at Syracuse University have been occupying the Crouse-Hinds Hall- a building that houses enrollment, admissions, and administration offices- since Monday, February 17th, 2020 in peaceful protest against the bias-related incidents occurring on their campus; and,

WHEREAS

Syracuse University's Department of Public Safety officers have, on at least two occasions, prevented medicine and hygiene products from entering Crouse-Hinds Hall, and on several occasions withheld basic necessities such as food in an attempt to get the protesters to leave; and,

WHEREAS

SU's Department of Public Safety officers have used unnecessary force on student protesters outside of Crouse-Hinds Hall, including reaching for their holsters, pushing students to the ground, and using excessive force during unannounced shift changes; and,

WHEREAS

Four female students of color received interim suspensions for being at the protests, despite having not participated in the occupation of Crouse-Hinds Hall; and,

WHEREAS

Syracuse University administration has contacted the parents and families of students who were given official suspension letters without explicit consent from said students; and,

WHEREAS

Over 150 graduate students at SU have gone on strike in solidarity with the protesters occupying Crouse-Hinds Hall; and,

WHEREAS

The student protesters have clearly outlined demands and expressed a willingness to meet with administration, The Chancellor, and the Board of Trustees to work toward a solution; and,

WHEREAS

Under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, students' rights to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly are protected; and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University has a history of staging peaceful protests and sit-ins in order to enact changes that we deem necessary, such as in the beer-in of 1968; and,

WHEREAS

Per Amendment IV of the ASCSU Constitution, "Colorado State University students may freely exercise their full rights as citizens without fear of University interference; the right to engage in discussion, to exchange thought and opinion, and to speak, write, or print freely; the right to associations, to peaceful assembly and protest..."; and,

WHEREAS

Syracuse University students have "the right to assemble in an orderly manner and engage in peaceful protest, demonstration, and picketing which does not disrupt the functions of the

University, threaten the health or safety or any person, or violate the Code of Student Conduct” as per the Syracuse University Student Rights and Responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS

The student protesters at Syracuse University are using their first amendment rights to protest peacefully, just as Colorado State University students have done so many times in the past; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University stand firmly in solidarity with the student protesters and their employment of their constitutional rights; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University strongly request that Syracuse University’s administration makes an effort to open channels of communication with students, increase transparency, and provide a safe campus for all students; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Joyce McConnell, Colorado State University President; and Kent D. Syverud, Syracuse University Chancellor; and Ben Amundson, ASCSU President;

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PASSAGE

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PRESIDENT Benjamin Amundsen

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