



**RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
May 23, 2024**

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina’s commitment to free speech and assembly is without question; and

WHEREAS, that commitment is only equaled by the University’s duty to keep safe members of our communities, including young people sent to us from the four corners of North Carolina and the world; and

WHEREAS, the obligation to balance these two competing interests falls daily on the shoulders of our chancellors, law enforcement officers, and campus administrators; and

WHEREAS, recent events necessitate this resolution praising those who serve and condemning the misbehavior of a few; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Governors does hereby resolve as follows:

I. APPRECIATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Board of Governors offers its special thanks to the men and women of the University of North Carolina police departments across the state who have faced campus protests and led the nation in modeling best practices on how to preserve the freedoms of speech and assembly while keeping our students safe.

The Board of Governors offers additional gratitude to the law enforcement men and women of the remaining UNC System campuses who neither hesitated nor flinched to travel from all over North Carolina to aid their sworn brothers and sisters.

The Board of Governors further acknowledges and thanks the state and local law enforcement officers from cities and counties across North Carolina who chose, too, to stand with our uniformed officers.

II. CONDEMNATION OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

The Board of Governors condemns in the strongest possible terms those persons who engage in threatening or violent behavior, including the targeting of university employees trying to return to their families at the end of the workday, the stockpiling of weapons, the defacing of public buildings and property, the disturbance of students simply trying to pursue their education, and the intimidation of innocent people who themselves are exercising their First Amendment rights, all under the false guise of protected activity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board has caused this resolution to be executed by its Chair and its seal to be affixed by the Secretary, both duly authorized, effective as indicated herein, but executed this 23rd day of May 2024.

Randall C. Ramsey, Chair

Meredith R. McCullen, Secretary

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