

**RESOLUTION #15-08**  
**SGA RESOLUTION RESPONDING TO FLAG PROTEST ON CAMPUS April 17, 2015**

Date: April 20, 2015

Sponsored by: Senator Cowan, Senator Pollack, Senator Ross

Authored By: SGA Vice President Nicholas Buford, Senator Pollack

Be it enacted by the Senate of Valdosta State University (VSU) here assembled, that:

**WHEREAS**, The Valdosta State University Student Government Association would like to uphold the first amendment right as displayed within protest,

**WHEREAS**, a protest has occurred on the campus grounds on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, in the year of 2015,

**WHEREAS**, a group of individuals walked on an American Flag in protest to their beliefs,

**WHEREAS**, their actions are constitutional after the Supreme Court ruling of *Texas V. Johnson (1989)*,

**WHEREAS**, this protest involved a veteran who did not approve of the protest,

**WHEREAS**, the protest has disturbed students, faculty, citizens and the overall Valdosta military community,

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association is elected to speak on the behalf of the student body,

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association does not support the actions of the protest, but respects their right to protest,

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association sees the flag as a national symbol of our country and we respect the men and women who fight for our freedoms,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** upon passage by Student Government Association of Valdosta State University, this resolution will carry the support of the student body of VSU,

**FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** the Student Government Association respects the rights as given in the United States Constitution, including any judgments made by the United States Supreme Court, and we do not support the actions in protest as used in the incident occurring on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April in the year of 2015.

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Motion: <u>Bennett</u>	Secondary Mover: <u>A. Williams</u>		
<b>APPROVED</b> DENIED    VETOED	President's Signature: 		