A RESOLUTION AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY

WHEREAS, Police brutality is defined as, “the use of excessive and/or unnecessary force by police when dealing with civilians and excessive use of force is defined as a force well beyond what would be necessary in order to handle a situation”¹; AND

WHEREAS, Instances of police brutality have been increasing in frequency on a national scale², and has been brought into the national spotlight by the events in Ferguson, Missouri and other communities, specifically communities with large minority populations³; AND

WHEREAS, The community of Ferguson, Missouri has stood up in massive resistance since the killing of Michael Brown on August 9th, 2014⁴; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, We stand in solidarity with the people of Ferguson, Missouri in their struggle for justice for Michael Brown and against increased police brutality; AND BE IT

RESOLVED, That the authors of this resolution will work with the Commission on Student Safety and Security to plan an event to encourage the University of Michigan Police Department, assembly members, as well as the student body to have an open discussion about police brutality and how to maintain a safe campus; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, That the date of the event will be announced by November 15th, 2014.

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³ http://consortiumnews.com/2014/08/22/is-police-brutality-color-blind/
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