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## **Motion to Endorse the Popular Demonstration Against Racism and the Far-Right on November 12th**

Whereas, “the SSMU’s commitment to equity comes from the responsibility of university organizations to create safe havens from the rest of society, where marginalized persons can come together and create communities where they are supported in combating systemic oppression” (*SSMU Equity Policy, 2015*);

Whereas, equity refers “to the respect of and equality of opportunity for marginalized communities” (*SSMU Equity Policy, 2015*);

Whereas, there has been a rise in racist and heinous discourse in the Québécois public sphere in the last few years;

Whereas, xenophobic and racist groups have held public demonstrations in Montréal;

Whereas, Alt-Right, racist, and ultra-nationalist posters have been found on campus in the last few years, including most recently the Generation Identity posters;

Whereas, a “Grande Manifestation Contre la Haine et le Racisme” (Popular Demonstration Against Racism and the Far-Right) is being organized for the 12th of November and almost 60 organizations around the city have signed on to endorse this demonstration;

**Be it resolved, that** the SSMU endorse the Grande Manifestation Contre la Haine et le Racisme on November 12th.

**Be it further resolved, that** The Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs) be mandated to inform the Society of the demonstration until November 12th, including, but not limited to, organizing workshops and a contingent for the demonstration.

### **Moved by:**

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