



MOTION TO ENDORSE THE MASS DEMONSTRATION AGAINST RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA, BOTH HERE AND ELSEWHERE, ON MARCH 24 2019-03-21

Submitted for: March 21, 2019 (electronic)

WHEREAS, the following motion was submitted in keeping with section 5.15 of the [Internal Regulations of Governance](#), which outlines the process by which the Legislative Council of the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") may vote on Electronic Motions;

WHEREAS, last year, the Legislative Council approved the [Motion to Endorse the Popular Demonstration Against Racism and the Far Right on November 12th](#);

WHEREAS, a similar demonstration is being held on [March 24](#) against racism and xenophobia;

WHEREAS, the [organizers specifically draw attention](#) to Québec's CAQ government intention to "ban religious symbols in public services, particularly targeting veiled Muslim teachers who work in the public school system" and "plans to cancel over 18,000 permanent resident applications (Bill 9) in order to adopt a "more selective" system for accepting newcomers" while also maintaining that the event is non-partisan and that the demands are "not limited to any specific government or party" as "all all political parties benefit from and are complicit in the normalization of xenophobic, anti-Muslim and racist discourse in Quebec's mainstream political discourse;"

WHEREAS, over 50 organizations have declared support for the demonstration, including student groups;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Society formally sign on to endorse the demonstration and, in doing so, undertakes publicization of the event and organization, through the External Affairs Portfolio, of a contingent to participate in the demonstration.

Moved By:

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