

Senate Bill

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Introduced by: Senator Riley Stein, Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich, HGS Senator Andrew Taranta, Senator Vincent Bollotta

Proposed by: Senator Riley Stein and Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich

Whereas: The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College of New Jersey is the liaison body to the Faculty, Staff, Administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors of Ramapo College of New Jersey;

Whereas: Ramapo College of New Jersey has a statue called *One Man in Memory of Six Million* located in front of the Berrie Center dedicated to commemorating the victims and survivors of the Holocaust as well as their families and communities;

Whereas: There has been a nationwide rise of antisemitism propagated by major cultural, political, and media figures including but not limited to the proliferation of hate groups in the country and white nationalism;

Whereas: Ramapo College of New Jersey has made efforts to foster a safe space for communities affected by genocide by creating the Gross Center For Holocaust & Genocide Studies;

Whereas: The misinterpretation and lack of awareness regarding the *One Man in Memory of Six Million* statue has only furthered feelings of exclusion for Jewish students on campus, and has undermined the generational trauma they carry with them;

Whereas: There is insufficient lighting in the area surrounding the *One Man in Memory of Six Million* statue which has led to visibility concerns as well as lack of knowledge of the statue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College of New Jersey recognizes the tragedies of the Holocaust and acknowledges the ongoing effects of antisemitism, racism, and bigotry in our community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA stands in solidarity with victims of genocide including those affected by the Holocaust, and shall at the beginning of one general meeting state, “*The SGA recongnizes the importance of remembering those affected by genocide. The SGA will actively*



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denounce and work towards spreading the awareness of antisemitism, hatred, and bigotry on our campus.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Student Government Association of Ramapo College of New Jersey shall work with other offices to improve the conditions of the plaque and bring more awareness to what the statue means to those affected by antisemitism; the Student Government Association of Ramapo College of New Jersey shall work with Facilities and other offices in order to bring more lighting to the statue.

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