

Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 286

TO: All Virginia Tech Employees and Students
FROM: Charles Steger *WS*
DATE: May 5, 2014
SUBJECT: Establishment of the Virginia Tech Strong Together Week

Approved by the Commission Equal Opportunity & Diversity: April 7, 2014
Approved by University Council: April 28, 2014
Approved by the President: April 28, 2014
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University Council approved a resolution regarding the establishment of the Virginia Tech Strong Together Week

Following is the text of the resolution.

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2005, the Board of Visitors approved and instituted the "Principles of Community" and directed the statement be distributed widely as an effort to improve the university climate; and

WHEREAS, the *principles* are fundamental to our on-going efforts to increase access and inclusion and create a community that nurtures learning and growth for all; and

WHEREAS, the Strong Together Initiative was developed by the Office for Diversity and Inclusion as a campus-wide effort to promote the values set forth in the Virginia Tech Principles of Community; and

WHEREAS, the Strong Together initiative comprises a variety of programming and promotional efforts designed to raise awareness and facilitate actions that reflect the values of the Principles of Community among students, faculty, and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the establishment of the Principles of Community and Virginia Tech's commitment to diversity and inclusion, the first week after spring break will hereafter be celebrated as Strong Together Week until such time as an alternative means is established.

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