

**Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity  
Resolution 2013-14B  
Resolution to Establish the Virginia Tech Strong Together Week**

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**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.