

**Expression of Sympathy to the Virginia Tech Family on the Tragedy of
April 16, 2007
Staff Senate of Virginia Tech
Virginia Tech Staff Senate Resolution No. 2007
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WHEREAS, the peace and harmony of the Virginia Tech campus was violently and tragically breached on April 16, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the horror and grief felt by the Virginia Tech community and especially by the Staff of Virginia Tech at the tragic loss of life cannot begin to be fathomed; and,

WHEREAS, we the Staff firmly believe in Nikki Giovanni's poetic and healing words delivered at the April 17, 2007 Convocation, that "We are Virginia Tech"; and,

WHEREAS, the Staff of Virginia Tech wish to express their sincerest condolences to all the victims, their families, colleagues, and friends; and,

WHEREAS, the Staff have been exceptionally proud of how the Faculty, Staff, and Students have comported themselves during this tragedy; and,

WHEREAS, we the Staff Senate with one voice express our shared pain and sympathy to all those affected by this tragedy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Staff Senate of Virginia Tech extends its sincerest condolences and sympathy to the entire Virginia Tech family and especially to the families of the slain. We will never forget those so tragically lost to us and add our voice to the multitude of well wishes and sympathy expressed from around the world.

Respectfully submitted by: James Martin, Jr., Chair, Policies and Issues Committee, Virginia Tech Staff Senate.