



## **The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Resolution and Position on the Confederate Battle Flag**

**WHEREAS**, the Confederate Battle Flag is the most recognized symbol of the Confederate States of America, the Southern region of America and has always been a symbol of Southern Patriotism and Valor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederate Battle Flag is a symbol recognized world-wide as a symbol of a people's struggle against tyranny, fighting against over-whelming odds, and the struggle for freedom and liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederate Battle Flag was not a governmental flag, but was the primary flag of the common Confederate soldier that flew with them during battle, while on the march, and in Camp; and

**WHEREAS**, most of the early Southern people of the Americas were of Scottish and Irish descent and recognized the Saint Andrews cross on the Confederate Battle Flag, (sometimes referred to as the "Southern Cross") as a symbol on the flags of their ancestral countries of Scotland and Ireland, which had spiritual meaning to them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sons of Confederate Veterans are the true inheritors of the legacy and symbols for which the Confederate Veterans fought and died; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sons of Confederate Veterans has always condemned the misuse of the Confederate Battle Flag or any of our Nation's flags or symbols by any extremist group or individual, by whatever name they may use,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans does hereby condemn in the strongest terms possible the slander spoken against the Confederate Battle Flag, or the removal and banning of the Confederate Battle Flag from any memorial, forum and display where the Confederate Battle Flag is being flown as tribute and in honor to the services and sacrifices of the Confederate Soldier.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans encourages the citizens of Georgia, America and the people of the world to learn more about the true meaning and history of the War for Southern Independence and to display the Confederate Battle Flag with gratitude in honor of the Confederate Veterans and the principles for which they fought.