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BEGINNING (MONTH) _____ (YEAR) _____

\$1 (STUDENT MEMBER) _____

\$2 (CONTRIBUTING MEMBER) _____

\$5 (SUSTAINING MEMBER) _____

\$10 OR MORE \$ _____ (SUPPORTING MEMBER) _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FRIENDS OF NSM)

FRIENDS OF N.S.M.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
(PROVISIONALLY ADOPTED)

FRIENDS OF NSM ARE THOSE WHO SHARE THE FOLLOWING AWARENESS AND DETERMINATION:

THERE ARE IN OUR COUNTRY MILLIONS OF NEGROES IMPRISONED IN POVERTY AND DEPENDENCE BY INSTITUTIONS NOT OF THEIR OWN MAKING WHICH INFLUENCE AND CONTROL EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR LIVES. THESE INSTITUTIONS -- SCHOOLS, EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS, HEALTH SERVICES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION -- ARE SUPPOSED TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. BECAUSE, HOWEVER, RACISM PERMEATES THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE ENTIRE NATION, THESE INSTITUTIONS PERPETUATE THE HELPLESSNESS AND HOPELESSNESS OF BLACK PEOPLE.

WE BELIEVE THAT BLACK PEOPLE WILL BE FREE ONLY WHEN THEY EQUITABLY SHARE CONTROL OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS WHICH INFLUENCE THEIR LIVES AND THAT THEIR FREEDOM REQUIRES A NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF BLACK PEOPLE TO ACQUIRE POWER TOWARDS THAT END. WE BELIEVE THAT THE NORTHERN STUDENT MOVEMENT REPRESENTS THE PROMISE OF SUCH A NATIONAL MOVEMENT.

WE PROPOSE TO FORM THE NUCLEUS OF A MOVEMENT OF WHITES AND NEGROES WHICH IS IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE GHETTO-BASED MOVEMENT, CAN SUPPORT AND INTERPRET ITS EFFORTS AND WHICH WILL TAKE INITIATIVE ACTION IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES IN CONFRONTING OTHERS ON THE ISSUE OF RACISM.

BECAUSE THOSE OF US, WHITE AND BLACK, WHO ARE COMMITTED TO COMBATTING RACISM ARE IN A NUMERICAL MINORITY IN THIS COUNTRY, WE ANTICIPATE AND ARE PREPARED FOR THE STRUGGLE AND SACRIFICE INHERENT IN OUR POSITION. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, IN THE POWER OF ORGANIZATION, AND WE, THEREFORE, JOIN TOGETHER TO FORM THE FRIENDS OF NSM WITH THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

1. To provide financial and other resources in support of the Northern Student Movement
2. To respond to specific requests for aid and support from the Adult Community Movement for Equality, the Detroit NSM affiliate.
3. To support the Black Movement in those instances where direct support is possible
4. To educate ourselves and others to the existence and manifestations of racism and to the analysis, objectives and struggle of the Black Movement
5. To raise the issue of racism in our own communities
6. To confront institutions on issues which arise both locally and nationally and to take action

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