



## UMKC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE PROCLAMATION

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Title: **The Truth Over Troost Act**

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- Whereas: This Student Senate is the Legislative Body of the UMKC Student Government Association authorized to deliberate, vote upon, and approve legislative acts; and
- Whereas: The Student Senate represents 17,000+ students who call the Kansas City community home at the University of Missouri-Kansas City; and
- Whereas: Troost Avenue runs through the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Hospital Hill and Volker campus and encompasses many communities along the way; and
- Whereas: Troost Avenue honors Dr. Benoist Troost, the first resident physician of the City of Kansas City who owned and tortured slaves here in Kansas City; and
- Whereas: The City of Kansas City and community members are organizing to rename the street to no longer honor a slave owner with the name, "Truth Avenue;" and
- Whereas: In the words of Martin Luther King Jr, the man honored with the new street name in place of Volker, "Those who do nothing while witnessing injustice and wrongdoing do worse than those who commit acts of injustice." and;
- Whereas: The Student Senate cannot stay silent while work is being done to correct an injustice;
- Therefore: Be it proclaimed by the UMKC Student Senate assembled that the senate condemn the honoring of Dr. Benoist Troost with Troost Avenue and support the efforts to rename said street, "Truth Avenue."
- Furthermore: May this proclamation represent the voice of 17,000+ UMKC students and Kansas Citians united in this effort to correct this wrong, with a right.
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