

# Ethiopian Physics Society in North America

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The Ethiopian Physics Society in North America (EPSNA) is a non-political organization with the mission to advance physics education and research in Ethiopia and the Ethiopian diaspora in North America. The Society held an emergency meeting on July 11, 2020, to discuss how to respond to the senseless killing of artist Hachalu Hundessa and the subsequent killings of innocent Ethiopians based on religion and ethnicity. Following the discussion, EPSNA has unanimously passed the following ten-point resolutions.

EPSNA:

1. unequivocally condemns the assassination of the artist Hachalu Hundessa, the subsequent targeting of his family members, and the killing of innocent Ethiopians based on religion and ethnicity following artist Hachalu's assassination
2. calls on all Ethiopians to come together to mourn the senseless killings and to channel their anger and frustration into constructive, nonviolent actions
3. calls on all political leaders, civic organizations, and the media to play a constructive role to bridge the division among Ethiopians and bring lasting peace and justice to the country
4. calls on the Ethiopian government to conduct a swift, fair, and politically-neutral investigation into the killing of Hachalu Hundessa and his family members, and the killing of innocent civilians to bring those responsible to justice
5. calls on the Ethiopian government to conduct a swift and politically-neutral investigation to bring to justice those responsible for the destruction of property and businesses resulting in the loss of livelihood for so many hard-working Ethiopians
6. calls on the Ethiopian government to ensure the right of any Ethiopian to live and work peacefully and without fear anywhere in the country irrespective of her/his ethnicity or religion
7. calls on the Ethiopian government to ensure that all Ethiopians can exercise their fundamental human right of freedom of expression in a safe and responsible manner without fear of persecution

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8. unequivocally condemns those who use their social media platform to mobilize ethnic division and instigate ethnic violence among Ethiopians and demands that social media moguls, ethnic and other particularistic parties remove contents promoting hate and violence against individuals or ethnic groups in Ethiopia that result in conflicts and lead to killings based on ethnicity and religion, the destruction of the fundamental infrastructure of the country, and the suffering of citizens
9. calls on all citizens of Ethiopia to come to national dialogue to acknowledge past and present inequalities and injustices all over Ethiopia and work towards forging a more just and equitable future in the interest of living together in peace
10. pleads with all Ethiopians to come together and focus their energy to fight the invisible enemy COVID-19, to bring quality education that is up to the standards of the 21st century, and strive towards socio-economic development that lifts the vast majority of the Ethiopian People out of chronic poverty.

Signed,

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On behalf of the EPSNA Executive Committee and Members