



Student Assembly

Resolution 24: Soul Food Restaurant Row for Black History Month

Abstract: A call for Cornell Dining, in alignment with Cornell University's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, to invest in and provide soul food offerings to the student body during Black History Month.

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Whereas, In recognition of Black History Month¹, and the cultural achievements of African American activists, artists, inventors, and scholars,

Whereas, A celebratory expression of these achievements is through the creation and enjoyment of African American cultural cuisine, specifically soul food,²

Whereas, Cornell's long history of commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion prioritizes the necessity of valuing "people with diverse backgrounds and experiences,"³

Be it therefore resolved, Cornell Dining invests funds into buying, cooking, and providing soul food for the Cornell student body during Black History Month,

Be it further resolved, Cornell Dining institutes a Restaurant Row⁴ for student dormitory halls on West Campus during Black History Month,

Be it further resolved, Cornell Dining institutes a Restaurant Row within Toni Morrison Dining Hall,

¹ <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

² <https://www.britannica.com/topic/soul-food-cuisine>

³ <https://diversity.cornell.edu/our-commitments>

⁴ <https://events.cornell.edu/event/restaurant-row>



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24 **Be it further resolved,** Cornell Dining includes dining options that are inclusive to the different
25 dietary restrictions of students on campus, with options being available that include, but are not
26 limited to, Halal, Kosher, and Vegan / Vegetarian,

27 **Be it finally resolved,** Cornell Dining schedules a week or day to host a Restaurant Row on
28 dining halls connected to dormitories on West Campus and Toni Morrison Dining Hall on North
29 Campus.

30 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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