



Cornell University Student Assembly

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Type of Action	Recommendation
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S.A. Resolution #56 Hands-Only CPR

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4 **ABSTRACT:** This resolution demonstrates the Student Assembly's support for the
5 inclusion of a Hands-Only CPR lesson during the existing Swim Test requirement,
6 which will be presented during the April 17th FACAPE meeting.

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8 **Sponsored by: Matthew Henderson '16 and Emma Johnston '16**

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10 **Whereas,** performing Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the first 4 to 6 minutes after the
11 heart stops beating provides oxygen to the brain and other vital organs, increasing the likelihood
12 of surviving cardiac emergencies before Emergency Medical Services (EMS) take over,
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14 **Whereas,** the American Heart Association states that effective bystander Hands-Only CPR
15 provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of
16 survival, but only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims receive CPR from a bystander,
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18 **Whereas,** the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation states that approximately 1,000 people are
19 affected by cardiac arrest each day,
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21 **Whereas,** students would be protected by the "Good Samaritan" laws for trying to administer
22 CPR in good faith to others in New York State,
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24 **Whereas,** one quarter of Americans have been in a situation in which someone needed CPR,
25 according to the American Red Cross,

26 **Whereas,** Cornell EMS has reached approximately 410 people out of over 22,000 registered
27 Cornell students for CPR training in the past year,
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29 **Be it therefore resolved,** that the Student Assembly, in coordination with Cornell EMS
30 supports a brief Hands-Only CPR training for all first year students, who take the swim test
31 during the pre-scheduled times during Fall Orientation and predetermined Make up Swim Test
32 times,
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34 **Be it finally resolved,** that Cornell EMS will continue to offer Hands-Only CPR Training
35 and Full CPR Certifications for all students in addition to this added program.
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37 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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