

Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #30

Affirming Cornell's Stance on Supporting the Rights of Transgender Individuals

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to affirm Cornell's support of Transgender Individuals

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Whereas, on February 22, 2017, the Department of Justice and the Department of Education withdrew the statements of policy and guidance reflected in:

- a. letter to Emily Prince from James A. Ferg-Cadima, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Education dated January 7, 2015, and
- b. Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students jointly issued by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and the Department of Education dated May 13, 2016;

Whereas, in doing this, the Trump Administration has revoked federal guidelines specifying that transgender students have the right to use public school restrooms that match their gender identity;

Whereas, Cornell University was founded as an institution where "any person can find instruction in any study;"

Whereas, Cornell University's official non-discrimination policy includes the protection of "sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression;"

Whereas, according to the University's May 2016 Restroom/Facilities Guidelines, the University allows students, faculty, staff, and visitors to use the restroom or facility that corresponds to their gender identity;

Whereas, gender identity refers to an individual's internal sense of gender, and may be different from or the same as the person's sex assigned at birth;

Be it further resolved, that the students at Cornell University will have the ability to use the restroom or facility that corresponds to their gender identity,

Be it further resolved, that Cornell University publicly condemn the Trump Administration's revocation of federal guidelines specifying that transgender students have the right to use public school restrooms that match their gender identity;

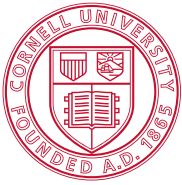
Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly reaffirms the importance of reporting bias incidents by all members of the community;

Be it finally resolved, that Cornell University reaffirm its commitment to supporting people of all gender identities,

Respectfully Submitted,

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