

Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #15

In Support of the Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Community at Cornell

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to ensure that Cornell University ensures the necessary support for the trans and gender non-conforming community at Cornell in response to the Trump's Administrations memo around federal recognition and protections for trans and gender non-conforming individuals.

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Whereas, on October 21, 2018 the New York Times reported that "The Trump administration is considering narrowly defining gender as a biological, immutable condition determined by genitalia at birth"¹

Whereas, the Trump administration is attempting to do this by crafting a legal definition of sex via Title IX

Whereas, this new legal definition would essentially erase transgender and gender non-conforming from attaining federal recognition and protections under the law;

Whereas, this systemic oppression would impact transgender and gender non-conforming students, employees, and faculty;

Whereas, Cornell's motto is "any person, any study"

Whereas, Cornell has an obvious strategic mission and necessary resources to provide support for all transgender and gender non-conforming people;

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

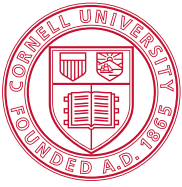
Be it therefore resolved, that Cornell University will continue to uphold their current non-discrimination policy to provide protections to transgender and gender non-conforming individuals;

Be it further resolved, that Cornell University publicly condemn the Trump Administration's attempted erasure of federal recognition and protections for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals;

Be it further resolved, that Cornell University directs the University State Relations Department to lobby Albany and the State of New York to pass the GENDA Act;

Be it further resolved, that Cornell University provide necessary Title IX guidance to the greater Cornell Community to ensure that the transgender and gender non-conforming community at Cornell can be supported;

¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/21/us/politics/transgender-trump-administration-sex-definition.html?fbclid=IwAR27R4jFYTq1xh-esDokhdQuiz4PVroQL-o1lmosJbrA7OQMDFel30FIA1o>



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Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly stands with the transgender and gender non-conforming community at Cornell;

Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly reaffirms the importance of reporting bias incidents by all member of the Cornell Community

Respectfully Submitted,

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