

# Resolution 24: Condemning Sexual Assault and Supporting Survivors

**Abstract:** The resolution condemns the recent incident of sexual assault and urges the administration to take steps to affirm our shared commitment to safety, inclusion, belonging, and respect for all Cornellians.

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**Whereas,** Cornell University is an institution rooted in the ideals of mutual respect, inclusivity, and belonging for any person;

**Whereas,** to accomplish these goals, Cornell University must also enforce a practice of supporting the safety and well-being of all its students, residents, and community members;

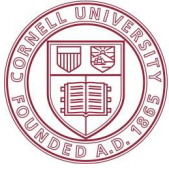
**Whereas,** this upsetting incident has deeply affected the Cornell community, leaving many to question their sense of security and personal safety on our campus;

**Whereas,** to date, the Cornell University administration has yet to address this disturbing event, or to affirm the University's responsibility and commitment to ensuring student safety;

**Be it therefore resolved,** the Student Assembly vehemently and unequivocally condemns sexual assault;

**Be it further resolved,** that to reaffirm dedication to maintaining the safety of students of all genders, sexual orientations, races, and other identities, the Student Assembly urges the Cornell University administration to take overdue action;

**Be it further resolved,** that the Student Assembly suggests that the administration and the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX commit to consistent reassessment and collaboration with the student body to determine the effectiveness of on-campus sexual violence prevention resources;



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29 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly suggests that the administration releases a  
30 statement to the Cornell community, providing information about the following mentioned  
31 resources, in addition to information about the process of Title IX reporting;

- 32 • Reporting to Cornell: <https://titleix.cornell.edu/reporting/cornell/>
- 33 • Report to the Police: <https://titleix.cornell.edu/reporting/police/>
- 34 • Advocacy Center of Tompkins County: <https://www.actompkins.org/#modal>
- 35 ○ 24/7 Hotline: (607) 277-5000
- 36 • Moving Forward: A Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Violence:  
37 <https://health.cornell.edu/services/mental-health-care/group-counseling>
- 38 • Helping a Friend Who Has Been Raped or Sexually Assaulted:  
39 <https://health.cornell.edu/sites/health/files/pdf-library/sexual-assault-helping-a-friend.pdf>

40 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly suggests that the administration commits to  
41 engaging in conversation with the Student Assembly and student body about the limitations of  
42 the current sexual violence and Title IX training required for incoming freshmen;

43 **Be it finally resolved**, the Student Assembly recommends that future freshmen orientations  
44 include a supplementary course such as the EAAA (Enhanced Assess, Acknowledge, Act) and  
45 Sexual Resistance Training (SARE Centre), which have been proven to reduce the risk of  
46 victimization.<sup>1</sup>

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48 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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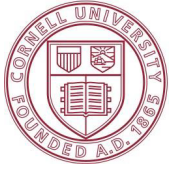
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<sup>1</sup> Senn, Charlene Y., et al. "Efficacy of a Sexual Assault Resistance Program for University Women." *The New England Journal of Medicine*, vol. 372, no. 24, Massachusetts Medical Society, June 2015, pp. 2326–35, <https://doi.org/10.1056/nejmsa1411131>.



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