

Cornell University
University Assembly

U.A. Resolution # 12

**Increasing Access to Gender Neutral¹ Bathrooms on
Campus**

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1 **Sponsored by:** Christopher Schott, Undergraduate; Chair, Campus Infrastructure
2 Committee

3 **On Behalf Of:** Ian Wallace, Undergraduate; Chair, Student Assembly Infrastructure
4 Committee and Lavanya Aprameya, Undergraduate; Chair, Haven: The LGBTQ Student
5 Union

6 **Whereas,** transgender and gender non-conforming persons may face discomfort and discrimination
7 when using gendered bathrooms;

8 **Whereas,** the university has made strides in increasing access to gender neutral bathrooms since SA
9 resolution 21, “Availability of Accessible Gender-Neutral Bathrooms and Locker Rooms on
10 Campus” was adopted during the 2011-12 school year;

11 **Whereas,** bathrooms in dorms on West Campus operate under the gender inclusive “E” system;

12 **Whereas,** Cornell Maps shows locations for all-gender bathrooms across campus;

13 **Whereas,** many buildings used heavily by undergraduates contain no gender neutral Bathrooms;

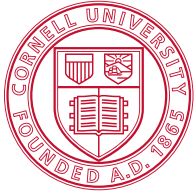
14 **Whereas,** Robert Purcell Community Center, Appel Commons and the Townhouse Community
15 Center, three important community centers for freshman, contain no gender neutral bathrooms;

16 **Whereas,** students should not require a map to find a bathroom they can use;

17 **Whereas,** existing gendered bathrooms can be converted into gender neutral bathrooms promptly
18 and cost-effectively;

19 **Be it therefore resolved,** that Cornell University set the goal for itself that every building on
20 campus will contain at least one gender neutral bathroom and residential buildings housing more
21 than 400 people contain at least 2;

¹ The term “gender neutral” is used interchangeably with “all gender”



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- 22 **Be it further resolved,** in future renovations Cornell University will incorporate designs for gender
23 neutral restrooms;
- 24 **Be it further resolved,** that Willard Straight Hall enters a trial period in which all bathrooms on the
25 fourth floor be designated all-gender;
- 26 **Be it further resolved,** that Bartels Hall, Duffield Hall, Statler Hotel, Robert Purcell Community
27 Center, Appel Commons, Helen Newman Hall, Myron Taylor Hall, and Day Hall be considered
28 high priority for inclusion of gender neutral bathrooms;
- 29 **Be it finally resolved,** that this resolution be forwarded to the Campus Planning Committee, Dean
30 Vijay Pendakur and Vice President Ryan Lombardi.