

Cornell University  
University Assembly

**U.A. Resolution # 12**

**Increasing Access to Gender Neutral<sup>1</sup> Bathrooms on  
Campus**

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3 **On Behalf Of:** Ian Wallace, Undergraduate; Chair, Student Assembly Infrastructure  
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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;

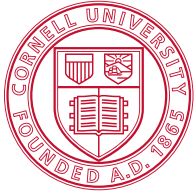
16 **Whereas,** students should not require a map to find a bathroom they can use;

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;

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<sup>1</sup> 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; the Office of Campus and Student Life will administer a  
26 survey at the end of the period to gauge user experience;
- 27 **Be it further resolved,** that Bartels Hall, Duffield Hall, Statler Hotel, Robert Purcell Community  
28 Center, Appel Commons, Helen Newman Hall, Myron Taylor Hall, and Day Hall be considered  
29 high priority for inclusion of gender neutral bathrooms;
- 30 **Be it finally resolved,** that this resolution be forwarded to the Campus Planning Committee, Dean  
31 Vijay Pendakur and Vice President Ryan Lombardi.