



# Cornell University Student Assembly

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## **S.A. Resolution #56 Hands-Only CPR Training for Freshmen**

**ABSTRACT:** This resolution demonstrates the Student Assembly’s support for the inclusion of a Hands-Only CPR lesson during the existing Swim Test requirement, which will be presented during the April 17th FACAPE meeting.

**Sponsored by: Matthew Henderson ’16 and Emma Johnston ’16**

**Whereas**, performing Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the first 4 to 6 minutes after the heart stops beating provides oxygen to the brain and other vital organs, increasing the likelihood of surviving cardiac emergencies before Emergency Medical Services (EMS) take over,

**Whereas**, the American Heart Association states that effective bystander Hands-Only CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim’s chance of survival, but only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims receive CPR from a bystander,

**Whereas**, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation states that approximately 1,000 people are affected by cardiac arrest each day,

**Whereas**, students would be protected by the “Good Samaritan” laws for trying to administer CPR in good faith to others in New York State,

**Whereas**, one quarter of Americans have been in a situation in which someone needed CPR, according to the American Red Cross,

**Whereas**, Cornell EMS has reached approximately 410 people out of over 22,000 registered Cornell students for CPR training in the past year,

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly, in coordination with Cornell EMS supports a brief Hands-Only CPR training for all freshmen, who take the swim test during the pre-scheduled times during Fall Orientation and predetermined Make up Swim Test times,

**Be it finally resolved**, that Cornell EMS will continue to offer Hands-Only CPR Training and Full CPR Certifications for all students in addition to this added program.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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