

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF GENDER-INCLUSIVE RESTROOMS IN EVERY ACADEMIC AND HIGH-TRAFFICKED BUILDING ON CAMPUS.

WHEREAS: A gender-inclusive restroom is a restroom that people of any gender or gender identity may use, and

WHEREAS: The installation of gender-inclusive restrooms will make the University a safer and more supportive community for people of all gender identities and expressions, and

WHEREAS: A gender-inclusive restroom would better serve the safety needs of the university community since transgender students have voiced their concerns about harassment experienced in gender-specific restrooms, and

WHEREAS: The restrooms installed would be “family style,” and would be marked with the male and female symbol so it is clear that they are not gender-specific rooms, and

WHEREAS: The only existing gender-inclusive restrooms at NKU are in the Welcome Center, the Honors House, Griffin Hall, and some residence halls, and

WHEREAS: Existing university buildings with high traffic including the Student Union, University Center, and Steely Library do not currently have gender-inclusive restrooms, causing students to use restrooms in other buildings, and

WHEREAS: The installation of gender-inclusive restrooms is now part of the suggested design plans for new buildings on campus, and

WHEREAS: The University has accepted this part of the design plans to install gender-inclusive restrooms in the new Campus Recreation Center, the Health Innovations Center, and Founders Hall, and

WHEREAS: Gender-inclusive restrooms would not only benefit LGBTQ students but also families with small children and students with disabilities, and

WHEREAS: Other Kentucky universities with gender-inclusive restrooms in a variety of academic and high-trafficked buildings include University of Louisville (20 restrooms over two campuses), Morehead State University (Number unknown-includes both family restrooms and multi-stall), and Murray State University (3 restrooms), and

WHEREAS: When asked his opinion on installing gender-inclusive restrooms in new campus buildings, Larry Blake, Assistant Vice President for Facilities at Northern Kentucky University, said “placing gender-inclusive restrooms in every new building on campus is very reasonable for a variety of reasons. Not only would they benefit LGBTQ students, but also families with small children.”

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REQUESTS THE INSTALLATION OF GENDER-INCLUSIVE RESTROOMS IN EVERY ACADEMIC AND HIGH-TRAFFICKED BUILDING ON CAMPUS.

Signed: _____
John Jose, President

Attest: _____
Ellie Kremer, Senator

Elizabeth Ruwe, Student Rights Committee Chair

