

ASLMU Senate at Loyola Marymount University

A RESOLUTION TO STAND WITH TRANSGENDER AND GENDER DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY AND NATIONWIDE.

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RESOLUTION SR 18-3

WHEREAS, the current United States governmental administration's proposal attempts to define gender as an aspect of identity directly correlated to binary standards for chromosomal sex assigned at birth.

WHEREAS, there is obscurity in understanding regarding the definition of gender as an aspect dependent upon binary sex assigned at birth or not, especially, since the dependency has been scientifically disproven (Rametti et al. 2011).

WHEREAS, 1.4 million Americans do not express their gender in correlation to the binary sex assigned at birth (Green, Benner, & Pear 2018).

WHEREAS, nearly half of all individuals who identify as transgender have depression and some variation of an anxiety disorder with an approximate 41% of transgender individuals are estimated to attempt suicide (Schreiber 2016).

WHEREAS, transgender and gender diverse individuals who experience rejection by family and friends, discrimination, victimization, or violence have elevated prevalence of suicide attempts (Haas, Rodgers, & Herman 2014).

WHEREAS, transgender and gender diverse individuals may already feel tension from the disconnect between their mental and physical selves through body dysphoria.

WHEREAS, the tension of that disconnect is intensified due to the fear of losing civil rights protections (housing, health resources, gender neutral spaces, Title IX provisions) in the United States from the administration's recent proposal.

WHEREAS, students currently have the ability to protect themselves at a college campus from discrimination against transgender and gender diverse individuals, and the administration's proposal would diminish any chance of receiving aid in funding and legal procedures (Jaschik 2018).

WHEREAS, the Office of LGBT Student Services at Loyola Marymount University provides support and resources for LGBTQ+ students during a time of discomfort and fear where the validation of transgender and gender diverse individuals is at jeopardy.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate of the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University stands with transgender and gender diverse students at Loyola Marymount University and across the nation, who may not identify with the sex they were assigned at birth, by providing support, promotion of resources on campus, and advocacy to maintain access to equal civil rights protections of said individuals.

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