



Resolution: 18-19 RS V

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To read as follows:

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida in partnership with the Student Government Association is tasked with representing all students of diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, students who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and more will be supported; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2017 there were 29 murders within the Transgender community and those rates are continuing to rise. 40% of Transgender adults reported having made a suicide attempt. 92% of those individuals reported having attempted suicide before the age of 25; and

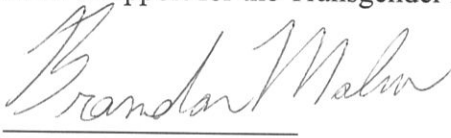
WHEREAS, Within the LGBT population, more than 75% of people in a community setting reported suffering verbal harassment, while one-in-seven reported physical attacks; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida is comprised of an unknown percentage of LGBTQ+ students due to lack of rumination of whom identify within the LGTBQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, November 12th-19th is Transgender Awareness week, and November 20th Transgender Day of Remembrance an annual observance that honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of Anti-Transgender violence; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has announced his desire to amend Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 to strictly define the word gender, so that it would not include Transgender and Non-Binary people, which would remove needed protections for those in the LGBTQ+ community.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of West Florida will show support for the Transgender community with a banner hung in the Commons' highly-trafficked areas stating, "Protect Transgender People" by March 2019 and create a social media campaign emphasizing SGA's support for the Transgender Awareness week on November 12th-19th.



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