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**- A Resolution**

To be known as "A Resolution in Support of Increasing LGBTQ Inclusivity in the Department of Housing and Residential Life" which calls for a change to the housing placement form to consider LGBTQ friendliness when identifying the best fit for on campus roommate selection.

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University is increasing enrollment and becoming recognized as a rising star in numerous areas; it is important that we establish a precedence of openness and proactivity in making Texas State the standard of safety in service of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning (GLBTQ) community; and

**WHEREAS:** Students of the GLBTQ community do not currently have the opportunity to indicate membership of the LGBTQ community on Housing and Residential Life applications and can only get accommodations by contacting the Director of Housing and Residential Life directly and;

**WHEREAS:** The following universities have already implemented similar polices: Rice University, University of Texas

at Austin, Stanford University, University of Oregon, Washington University - St. Louis, University of California at Los Angeles, Princeton University, Cornell University, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, University of California, San Diego; and

**WHEREAS:** This lack of distinction can lead to students being placed with roommates who may be openly hostile or can result in transgender students being placed with inappropriate roommates; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Housing and Residential Life update their application to allow students to indicate:

- (a) If they are transgendered/transsexual,
- (b) If they are LGBTQ and want that to be taken into consideration for room placement, and
- (c) For non-LGBTQ students to indicate that they are LGBTQ friendly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That until the changes are made to the forms Housing and Residential Life actively inform students of their current option(s) of being housed in a safe environment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That upon passage this legislation be forwarded to ASG Advisor Kathy Weiser, Dean of Students Dr. Margarita Arellano,

Director of Housing and Residential Life  
Dr. Rosanne Proite, Vice President for  
Student Affairs Dr. Joanne Smith, and  
university President Dr. Denise Trauth.