

LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE

68th SESSION OF THE SENATE

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ... 3

Offered: 16 March 2010

A RESOLUTION to reaffirm Longwood and the Longwood Student Government Association's Anti-Discrimination Policy

Chief Sponsor:
Webmaster Gerald Martin
Unity Alliance
Secular Student Association

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of Longwood University:

Senate Resolution Number: 3

Resolution offered:

- I. This bill shall be known as *Anti-Discrimination Reaffirmation Resolution of 2010*
- II. **Senate Resolution:** *Anti-Discrimination Reaffirmation Resolution of 2010* is to be presented to the people listed in the below *Resolution*.
- III. The following:

Whereas Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's recent letter to Virginian public colleges and universities has shown how few and fragile protections for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) people are in Virginia and at *Longwood University*;

Whereas *Longwood University* takes pride in fostering a diverse, multicultural environment;

Whereas the *Longwood University Student Government Association* reaffirms the *Longwood University* affirmative action statement and anti-discrimination policy that currently states the following

From Longwood University's "Affirmative Action Statement:"

“Longwood University, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, is an equal opportunity institution of higher learning. Consistent with Federal and State law, the University promotes equal opportunity for all prospective and current students and employees. The University will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age, political affiliation, veteran status, or disability status, except in relation to employment where a bona fide occupational qualification exists.”

Whereas the *Longwood University Student Government Association* reaffirms the anti-discrimination policy that is stated in the mission of the SGA constitution.

From the Longwood University Student Government Association’s Constitution:

“ARTICLE III: STATEMENT OF RIGHTS

Section 1: Discrimination

All students shall be free from discrimination on the basis of: Gender, Race, Origin, Religious Preference, Physical Disability, Sexual Orientation, Political Ideology, Age, Creed, Marital Status, or Social-Economic Background.”

Whereas protecting all persons is important towards creating a multicultural and diverse environment and may such an environment be reaffirmed by the *Longwood University Student Senate* to:

Governor Robert McDonnell, Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, State Senator Frank Ruff, State Delegate James Edmunds, President Patricia Cormier, President-Elect Patrick Finnegan, the Longwood Cabinet, the Longwood Board of Visitors, and the Longwood University Faculty Senate

that the *Longwood University Student Government Association* supports and urges that protections for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) individuals be solidified in an inclusive non-discrimination act.

- IV. This Resolution shall become effective immediately, subject to the action of the Student Body President.

Signature of Sponsor: X _____

Eleanor Rigby Bendele
Gerald B. Martin

Date: _____

Enactment by President: X _____

President Cameron Patterson

Date: _____