

Associated Students of Northern Arizona University

Resolution Label: ASNAU-SR-3402

Date Introduced: September 9, 2021

Sponsors: Senators Jacob Carter and Katie Cinader

Signatories: Senators

Resolution for the Support of Transgender and Gender-Diverse Students

Whereas, Across the United States, seventeen anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been enacted into law and more than 250 anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been introduced in state legislatures in 2021.¹

Whereas, These bills largely focus on prohibiting Transgender people from accessing gender-affirming medical care, participating in sports consistent with their gender identity, having access to restrooms or locker rooms consistent with their gender identity, and updating government documents.²

Whereas, In the First Regular Session of the Fifty-fifth Legislature of the State of Arizona, four bills were introduced targeted at prohibiting Transgender people from attaining full equality in sports,³ healthcare services,⁴ and status.⁵

Whereas, These bills were defeated in the Arizona State Legislature and were not enacted.⁶

Whereas, Northern Arizona University's LGBTQIA+ Scholarship Fund is intended to support its Transgender and Gender Diverse students, faculty, staff, and community members.⁷

¹ [2021 Officially Becomes Worst Year in Recent History for LGBTQ State Legislative Attacks as Unprecedented Number of States Enact Record-Shattering Number of Anti-LGBTQ Measures Into Law](#)

² *Ibid. Human Rights Campaign, 2021.*

³ [SB 1637](#)

⁴ [SENATE BILL 1511](#)

⁵ [HB 2725](#) & [HB 2709](#)

⁶ [2021 State Action Center](#)

⁷ [Out and Proud List | LGBTQIA Commission](#) & [LGBTQIA Commission Scholarship Fund](#)

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Whereas, The proposed legislation across the United States and in the Arizona State Legislature is at the detriment of Transgender and Gender Diverse students, faculty, staff, and community members as it cultivates an environment of hostility and discrimination.

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University:

That the Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University affirms its support for Transgender and Gender Diverse students, faculty, staff, and community members, and in doing so, opposes any legislation aimed at limiting equality or resulting in the targeted discrimination of Transgender and Gender Diverse people.

Be It Further Resolved, The Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University implores NAU President Dr. José Luis Cruz Rivera and the Arizona Board of Regents to reaffirm their adamant support for Transgender and gender-diverse students, faculty, and staff.⁸

Be It Further Resolved, The Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University approves an allocation of \$13,510 [thirteen thousand five hundred ten dollars] for the purpose of supporting the Northern Arizona University LGBTQIA+ Commission Scholarship Fund.

Maylee Acosta
ASNAU Student Body President
Date of Approval: _____

Michael Bolar
ASNAU Senate Chair
Date of Approval: _____

⁸ [Equal Employment Opportunity | University Policy Library & Policy Number: 1-119 Policy Name: Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy Revision Dates: 10/2020, 8/2020, 9/2018, Page](#)