



## Associated Students of Northern Arizona University

**Resolution Label:** ASNAU-SR- 3403

**Date Introduced:** 17 September 2021

**Sponsors:** Senator Cinader and Vice-Chair Carter

**Signatories:**

### **Resolution for Expanding Gender Neutral Restroom Access on Campus**

**Whereas,** Northern Arizona University only has 30 Gender-neutral restrooms located around campus.<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas,** High traffic areas such as The DüB, The Raul H. Castro Social and Behavioral Sciences building, and the Communications building do not have clearly designated or accessible Gender-neutral bathrooms.<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas,** Areas on campus like the Applied Research Development building, School of Informatics, Computing and Cyber Systems building, and the ITS building do not have a single gender inclusive restroom.

**Whereas,** Sechrist and McConnell Halls are labeled as Gender Inclusive Housing by the University, but both residence halls do not have gender inclusive restrooms.<sup>3</sup>

**Whereas,** The Associated Students of Northern Arizona University passed ASNAU-SR-3402, which is a resolution to support the Transgender and Gender diverse community in light of more

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<sup>1</sup> [Map of Gender-Neutral Bathrooms on Campus](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Map of the Gender-Neutral Bathrooms on campus](#)

<sup>3</sup> [NAU's Website on Gender Inclusive Housing](#)

than 250 anti-LGBTQ+ bills that were introduced across the U.S. in 2021.<sup>4</sup> While these bills were not enacted, they still were introduced to the legislature and present a threat to LGBTQIA+ rights.

**Whereas,** Northern Arizona University aims to be an inclusive and diverse community that welcomes students of all races, ethnicities, gender identities, sexualities, religions, and disabilities.<sup>5</sup>

**Whereas,** Northern Arizona University is not actively achieving these values as the needs of Gender diverse students are not being adequately addressed, specifically with Gender neutral bathroom accessibility.

**Whereas,** Cisgender individuals have a certain level of privilege as they are free to use the restroom in any building on campus without having to worry about tension between gender identity and bathroom designation. Transgender and Gender diverse students have historically been excluded from having these luxuries that should be a right and not a privilege.

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

Recommends that the University Administration make a greater effort in supporting our Transgender and Gender diverse students on campus.

**Be It Further Resolved,** The Associated Students of Northern Arizona University recommends that the signage in the residence halls' single-use restrooms that are labeled specifically for women and men to be converted to all-gender restrooms.

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<sup>4</sup> [Human Rights campaign](#)

<sup>5</sup> [NAU Diversity Statement](#)

**Be It Further Resolved,** The Associated Students of Northern Arizona University recommends that the signage for the family restrooms located in public buildings as well as residence halls be changed to all-gender restrooms.

**Be It Further Resolved,** The Associated Students of Northern Arizona University stands with the LGBTQIA Commission Restroom Access Committee in their efforts to add educational signage on restroom equity in all restrooms across campus, and we urge the university administration to support their current efforts and future goals.

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