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5 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 20*

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10 **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANSGENDER STUDENTS AND**
11 **TRANSGENDER HEALTHCARE AND IN OPPOSITION TO HB1570**
12 **AND OTHER TRANSPHOBIC LEGISLATION**

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14 Whereas, On Thursday March 25th, 2021 Arkansas governor Asa
15 Hutchinson signed a bill “Fairness in Women’s Sports Act,”
16 ¹banning transgender women and girls from competing in
17 sports teams that are consistent with their gender identity²;
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20 Whereas, Arkansas legislators have passed HB 1570³ on Monday,
21 March 29th, 2021 through the House, a legislation that
22 targets transgender Arkansans by denying best practice
23 medical care and support to transgender youth; and

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25 Whereas, Gender-affirming care and treatment reduces suicidal
26 thoughts and improves mental health in transgender folks
27 and is therefore often medically important treatment⁴; and

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29 Whereas, A survey conducted about transgender people in the US and
30 their rights resulted in 73% of respondents stating
31 transgender people should be protected from discrimination,
32 and 71% indicating that transgender people should be

¹ <https://www.thv11.com/article/news/politics/arkansas-bill-transgender-women-sports-ban/91-f3ce17e1-91cc43ad-acbc-e8c572346fba>

² <https://www.thv11.com/article/news/politics/arkansas-bill-transgender-women-sports-ban/91-f3ce17e1-91cc43ad-acbc-e8c572346fba>

³ <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/Detail?id=HB1570&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R&Search=>

⁴ vBarranco, C. Gender-affirming therapy linked to mental health. *Nat Rev Urol* 17, 544 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41585-020-00377-6>

33 allowed to have gender-affirming surgery from a 2017 Report
34 from IPSOS International Survey Series⁵; and

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36 Whereas, Support for LGBT nondiscrimination protections has
37 increased to 76% in 2020 from 71% in 2015 from All
38 Americans with 7% completely against pro-L.G.B.T.Q.
39 policies from a study by the Public Religion Research
40 Institute⁶; and

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42 Whereas, Multiple leading medical organizations oppose the bill such
43 as the American Psychological Association, the American
44 Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Medical
45 Association⁷; and

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47 Be it therefore resolved: The ASG Senate stands against the transphobia
48 perpetuated in these bills and stand with
49 transgender members of the Arkansas
50 community; and

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52 Be it further resolved: that the ASG Senate will promote awareness
53 and provide resources for the physical and
54 mental health of transgender students in
55 collaboration with the Pat Walker Health
56 Center and the Psychological Clinic; and

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58 Be it further resolved: The ASG Senate will advocate for transgender
59 students' access to resources on our campus.

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61 Be it finally resolved: This resolution be sent to Chancellor Joe Steinmetz,
62 Inclusion Liaison Anthony DiNicola, Vice
63 Chancellor for Governmental and Community
64 Relations Randy Massanelli, and Vice Chancellor
65 for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Yvette Murphy-
66 Erby upon passage.

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⁵ <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/public-opinion-trans-rights-us/>

⁶ <https://www.ppri.org/research/despise-partisan-rancor-despite-partisan-rancor-americans-broadly-supportlgbtq-rights-broadly-support-lgbtq-rights/>

⁷ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/29/us/politics/transgender-girls-sports.html>

69 Amendments: _____

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71 Vote Count: Aye 27 Nay 7 Abstentions 5

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73 Legislation Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other _____

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76 Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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79 Julia Nail, ASG President Date