

**SENATE RESOLUTION #2532**

**TITLE:** ASUW Support of Inclusivity and Non-Discrimination in the State of Wyoming

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**AUTHOR:** Senators Defebaugh, Kerbs, and Wetzel

**SPONSORS:** Senators Potter and Welsh



1. WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to represent our fellow students in the best manner possible;
3. and,
4. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government serves students from Wyoming, across the
5. United States, and international students from over seventy (70) countries; and,
6. WHEREAS, all University of Wyoming (UW) students carry with them unique and deeply
7. held religious beliefs, views on life, and cultural understandings; and,
8. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government values the richness of life developed from the
9. sharing and understanding that diverse cultures can provide to a community; and,
10. WHEREAS, the UW mission statement seeks to create an environment of the highest quality
11. of community development, to achieve such, the promise granted to all students who attend
12. UW is that it will be a place that will nurture an environment that values and manifests
13. diversity, free expression, academic freedom, personal integrity, and mutual respect; and,
14. WHEREAS, the advancement of mutual respect, individual rights, and personal integrity is
15. core to the ASUW Student Government and its goals; and,
16. WHEREAS, UW, as the only four-year educational institution of the state, should embrace
17. the culture of acceptance and inclusivity set forth by our forebearers as the "Equality State";
18. and,
19. WHEREAS, The Wyoming State Constitution states in Article 1, section 2, Equality of all,
20. "In their inherent right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, all members of the human

21. race are equal.”; and,

22. WHEREAS, The Wyoming Constitution further states in Article 1, section 3, Equal political

23. rights, “Since equality in the enjoyment of natural and civil rights is only made sure through

24. political equality, the laws of this state affecting the political rights and privileges of its

25. citizens shall be without distinction of race, color, sex, or any circumstance or condition

26. whatsoever other than individual incompetency, or unworthiness duly ascertained by a court

27. of competent jurisdiction.

28. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

29. (ASUW) Student Government that the State of Wyoming and its institutions should strive for

30. an environment of inclusivity and non-discrimination; and,

31. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government will continue to

32. promote a rich diversity of religions, beliefs, and perspectives to establish a community that

33. is built on mutual respect and understanding.

Referred to: PID

Date of Passage: 01/31/17 Signed: Tyler Warner  
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 02/02/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action.” Alana Bortolin

ASUW President