

SENATE RESOLUTION #2539



TITLE: ASUW Support for LGBTQIAA+ Pride Flag Flown in Prexy's Pasture for the Month of June

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SPONSORS: President Rotellini; Executives Hernandez and Nesbitt; Senators Drake, Powell, and Zumo; United Multicultural Council; Spectrum

1. WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government "to serve our students in the best manner possible through
3. accurate representation, professional interaction with campus programs and organizations,
4. and responsible, effective, leadership"; and,
5. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming's (UW) need to serve all of its students includes the
6. responsibility to represent lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex,
7. asexual, and allied (LGBTQIAA+) students; and,
8. WHEREAS, UW provides many supportive resources for LGBTQIAA+ students on
9. campus such as the Rainbow Resource Center, Spectrum, Queer Resource Council, Safe
10. Zone, LGBTQ Studies, University of Wyoming Counseling Center, The Counselor
11. Education Training Clinic, Student Legal Services, and the University of Wyoming College
12. of Law Civil Legal Services Clinic; and,
13. WHEREAS, the symbol for the LGBTQIAA+ community is its pride flag, a sequential
14. ordering of the colors of the rainbow, that represents the large diversity of the LGBTQIAA+
15. community; and,
16. WHEREAS, the month of June has officially been declared to be LGBT Pride Month several
17. times by Presidents of the United States to commemorate the Stonewall riots and the
18. legalization of same sex marriage in all 50 states; and,

19. WHEREAS, the rainbow symbol can bring a sense of hope, recognition, and inclusion

20. for those who are members of the LGBTQIAA+ community; and,

21. WHEREAS, UW and the City of Laramie have known histories of LGBTQIAA+

22. discrimination; and,

23. WHEREAS, progressive steps including the posting of the LGBTQIAA+ Pride Flag in

24. Prexy's Pasture would be one significant location that would demonstrate a tangible

25. commitment by UW for the safety, wellbeing, and rights of members of the LGBTQIAA+

26. community; and,

27. WHEREAS, ASUW Student Government and United Multicultural Council have

28. purchased a LGBTQIAA+ Pride Flag after the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shooting for use

29. during a moment of silence for the victims that were harmed and those who needed to

30. mourn and be represented, including those from UW and the Laramie community.

31. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

32. (ASUW) Student Government wishes to collaborate with the University of Wyoming

33. (UW) Physical Plant to post the LGBTQIAA+ Pride Flag on campus provided by ASUW

34. Student Government and United Multicultural Council, prior to the first day of June every

35. year; and,

36. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW will follow United States Flag Code and

37. not supersede the United States flag, the State of Wyoming's flag, and UW flag in any

38. displayed location; and,

39. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government supports posting

40. the LGBTQIAA+ Pride Flag to fly for the entire month of June; and,

41. THEREFORE, be it further resolved by ASUW Student Government that the ASUW

42. supports the LGBTQIAA+ Pride Flag being flown during an alternative time period in the
43. month of June decided per cooperative efforts between the ASUW Executive Branch and
44. the UW Board of Trustees if the flag cannot fly for the entire month of June; and,
45. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government supports the
46. estimated cost of UW Physical Plant's posting and taking down of the LGBTQIAA+ Pride
47. Flag be paid for out of the ASUW Facilities Endowment every year; and,
48. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW Student Government supports the first
49. posting of the LGBTQIAA+ Pride Flag be in June 2017.

Referred to: Student Outreach and Policy

Date of Passage: 04/04/17 Signed: Tyler Waldman
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 04/10/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." [Signature]

ASUW President

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