

CONTENT WARNING:

Mentions of mental health issues, anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation and attempt, transphobia, transphobia-related violence, such as verbal harassment, sexual assault, physical attack, and partner violence.

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE - STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK AND
TRANSGENDER DAY OF RESILIENCE**

1 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) Student Senate is the official
2 voice of the student body; and

3 WHEREAS, November 13th through November 19th is recognized as Transgender Awareness
4 Week; and

5 WHEREAS, this week is to acknowledge the experiences, lives, and visibility of transgender people
6 as well as address issues that the transgender community faces; and

7 WHEREAS, Transgender Week of Awareness is known to transgender people and their allies as a
8 time to commit to action and advocacy for the rights and well-being of the transgender community
9 through education of transgender issues; and

10 WHEREAS, these commitments often take form as educational information through social media,
11 the sharing of stories and experiences from transgender people, and advocacy against prejudice,
12 discrimination, and violence that affect transgender people; and

13 WHEREAS, the end of Transgender Awareness Week was originally marked as Transgender Day of
14 Remembrance to celebrate and memorialize the lives of transgender people who died due to cissexist
15 violence or suicide; and

16 WHEREAS, due to discrimination and stigma, transgender people are four times as likely to have
17 mental health concerns than their cisgender peers¹; and

18 WHEREAS, transgender youth are twice as likely to have depressive symptoms, suicidal ideation,
19 and attempt suicide in comparison of cisgender youth²; and

20 WHEREAS, transgender people experience higher rates of anxiety symptoms and are more likely
21 to be diagnosed with an anxiety disorder due to lack of gender-affirming culture, prejudice, and
22 discrimination which can lead to severe symptoms of gender dysphoria, gender incongruence, and
23 internalized cissexism³; and

24 WHEREAS, transgender people face high rates of various violence from verbal harassment,
25 physical attack, sexual assault, and partner violence⁴; and

26 WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance has been a historical day to commemorate and
27 honor the lives of transgender people lost to transphobic violence to remain aligned with the goals of
28 future Transgender Awareness Week, UW-Eau Claire and the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate shall
29 recognize Transgender Day of Resilience⁵; and

30 WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Resilience is as much an extension of Transgender Day of
31 Remembrance as it is a separate day of honoring the lives of transgender people, especially, transgender
32 women who have lost their lives to transphobic violence⁶; and

¹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6663089/>

² [https://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X\(19\)30922-X/fulltext](https://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X(19)30922-X/fulltext)

³ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6528476/>

⁴ <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0886260517723743>

⁵ <https://tdor.co/>

⁶ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4205968/>

33 WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate has only recognized Transgender students and
34 Transgender Day of Remembrance two times in the past six years in the 60th and 62nd sessions⁷; and

35 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will continue to support and advocate
36 for safe spaces on campus to support transgender students; and

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will commit to educating the student
38 body on issues that the transgender community faces on and off the UW-Eau Claire Campus and provide
39 informational material on gender-affirming practices for the student body through social media; and

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will commit to celebrating the
41 commitments and achievements of the transgender community on and off-campus and the offices, such
42 as the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will work with respected offices,
44 centers, and areas of education at UW-Eau Claire to ensure improved standards for an equitable
45 experience for transgender students; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will promote the events and programs
47 of respected offices and centers, such as the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center for Transgender
48 Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Resilience; and

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the author of this legislation will work with the Communications
50 Commission, the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center and other respected areas of UW-Eau Claire to
51 create social media graphics with informational and educational material to be published to the student
52 body; and

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the author of this legislation will work with the Gender & Sexuality
54 Resource Center and the Equity in Student Matters Commission to survey and address the needs of
55 transgender and gender-nonconforming students at UW-Eau Claire; and

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate calls on faculty, staff, and students at
57 large to support transgender students in the aforementioned ways to the best of their abilities

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate intends to meet with Provost Kleine to
59 discuss adding these significant days to a detailed calendar for the coming years; and

60 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President
61 Mikoulskii will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Olga Diaz, Vice Chancellor for Equity,
62 Diversity, Inclusion Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice
63 Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dr. Chris Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Kallie
64 Friede, Associate Student Services Coordinator, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, Emily Luebke,
65 President, UWEC Pride; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Teresa O'Halloran, Director,
66 Affirmative Action; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; William Felz, Interim
67 Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; Jake Wrasse M.A., Legislative and Community Relations
68 Liaison; Kristin Schumacher M. A., Director, University Centers; Grace Arrigoni, Student Body President,
69 UW-Eau Claire Barron County

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⁷ <https://www.uwec.edu/files/4157/INDEX-62RESOLUTIONS.pdf>

SUPPORT RESOURCES

UW-Eau Claire Support Resources

1. Center for Awareness of Sexual Assault (CASA) – Hibbard Humanities Hall 311C
 - a. UW-Eau Claire CASA Website: <https://www.uwec.edu/center-awareness-sexual-assault/>
 - b. CASA Crisis Line: (715) 836-4357 (-HELP)
 - c. CASA Support Group: Contact (715) 836-4357 or email at CASA@uwec.edu
2. Counseling Services – Vicki Lord Larson Hall 2122
 - a. UW-Eau Claire Counseling Services Website: <https://www.uwec.edu/counseling-services/>
 - b. Counseling Services Phone: (715) 836-5521
 - c. Counseling Services Email: COUNSL01@uwec.edu
3. Student Health Services (SHS) – Crest Wellness Center 150
 - a. UW-Eau Claire SHS Website: <https://www.uwec.edu/student-health-service/>
 - b. SHS Phone: (715) 835-5360
 - c. SHS Email: SHS@uwec.edu

National Support Resources

1. National Domestic Violence Hotline
 - a. *The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides highly-trained advocates that are available 24/7 to talk confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship.*
 - i. 24/7 Hotline: +1 (800) 799-7233
 - ii. Online Chatroom: <https://www.thehotline.org/>
 - iii. Text “LOVEIS” to: +1 (866) 337-9474
2. FORGE
 - a. *FORGE is a national transgender anti-violence organization. They provide direct services to transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender non-binary survivors of sexual assault and interpersonal violence.*
 - i. Website: <https://forge-forward.org/>
 - ii. Phone: (414) 559-2123
 - iii. Email: AskForge@forge-forward.org
3. The Network/La Red
 - a. *The Network/La Red is a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, SM, polyamorous, and queer communities as well as in kink communities. All hotline staff are trained in domestic violence, peer counseling, crisis intervention, and safety planning. You do not have to leave or want to leave your relationship to get support. All services are offered in both English and Spanish.*
 - i. Website: <http://www.tnlr.org/en/>
 - ii. 24/7 Hotline: (800) 832-1901