

## A Resolution

### To Support the Allocation of a Place On Campus for an LGBTQIA+ Community Space

Resolution No. 1  
2017/2018 Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate  
Committee: Health and Human Services

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1. **Purpose:** To express Undergraduate Student Senate support for the prompt allocation of
2. an on-campus LGBTQIA+ community space.
3. **Whereas,** there is a significant portion of the Clemson University undergraduate student
4. body that identifies as a part of the LGBTQIA+ community, and
5. **Whereas,** there is currently no set location for this community to gather, and
6. **Whereas,** there are currently only two student organizations that support this portion of
7. the student body, and
8. **Whereas,** obtaining this space would provide an inclusive environment to welcome
9. students of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and would support them by
10. providing networking and community building opportunities, and
11. **Whereas,** the first recommendation from the 2013-2014 goals of the President’s LGBTQ
12. Commission, formerly known as the President’s LGBTQ Task Force, was to “create an
13. institutionally funded LGBTQ resource center or on-campus office,” and
14. **Whereas,** the ClemsonForward Strategic Plan states that it is seeking to “strengthen a
15. sense of community and connectedness that defines the Clemson Family by enhancing
16. diversity. . .and creating an environment of inclusive excellence,” and
17. **Whereas,** Clemson University has the lowest Campus Pride Index (CPI) score of all
18. reporting universities in both the “Top 25 Public Universities” and the Atlantic Coast
19. Conference, with a 1.5 out of 5 star rating, and
20. **Whereas,** part of increasing the CPI score is contingent upon the existence of an “LGBT
21. concerns office or LGBT resource center,” and
22. **Whereas,** the designation of a student space on campus for the LGBTQIA+ community
23. would serve as an imperative first step to achieving each of these goals, and



24. **Whereas**, a student space such as this would help attract students in this community to  
25. attend Clemson University and remain until graduation, thereby further strengthening the  
26. student body, and

27. **Whereas**, this space would not be exclusive to LGBTQIA+ students, but would be  
28. available for use by all students, including, but not limited to, allies and those desiring to  
29. learn further about the community, and

30. **Whereas**, the 2015/2016 Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate resolved in Resolution  
31. No. 10, “A Resolution To Better the LGBTQ Experience At Clemson,” to support the  
32. implementation of initiatives to be more inclusive in LGBTQIA+ support and  
33. institutional commitment, LGBTQIA+ student life, and LGBTQIA+ recruitment and  
34. retention rates. Therefore,

35. **Be it Resolved** by the Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate assembled in regular  
36. session the following:

37. **That** the Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate supports the prompt designation of a  
38. LGBTQIA+ community space on campus for students in order to further support and  
39. strengthen this community.

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