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RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF GENDER-NEUTRAL
RESTROOMS ON SINGLE-GENDER FLOORS

WHEREAS, Indiana University prides itself on being an open, accepting institution
WHEREAS, Indiana University is ranked highly as an LGBTQ+-friendly campus
WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of transgender and other gender non-conforming students
is a university priority
WHEREAS, the current makeup of the residence halls is nonconductive to the safety of
transgender and gender non-conforming students
WHEREAS, students with these identities are oftentimes forced to “come out” to fellow
residents against their will
WHEREAS, building a sense of community within the residence halls requires all residents to
feel accepted and appreciated
WHEREAS, currently, Indiana University residence halls with single-gender and communal-
restroom floors do not typically have a gender-neutral restroom option
WHEREAS, most single-gender floors with communal restrooms have two restrooms for
student use
WHEREAS, designating one of those restrooms as gender-neutral would promote student
safety, general well-being, and convenience
WHEREAS, RPS stands to make the residence hall experience optimal for students of all
identities

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Student Body Congress moves to support that
in the case of a residence hall single-gender floor with two or more communal restrooms, one
must be designated as gender neutral.

FURTHER RESOLVED that in the instance that the restrooms on the floor are not equivalent
in handicap accessibility, shower access, or other amenities, the designation will be left up to the
Resident Assistant in collaboration with the Residence Manager, and RPS.

FURTHER RESOLVED that although none are expected, any costs accrued by this resolution
will be considered renovation expenses of Residential Programs and Services.

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