



## **A Resolution supporting the LGBTQIA+ Community**

**Committee: Social and Economic Justice**

**Resolution: SEJ-20-02**

1. **WHEREAS** according to the National Black Justice Coalition, the Black Lesbian,
2. Gay, Bisexual, Transexual, Queer, Intersexual, Asexual + community have unique
3. experiences with homelessness, HIV/AIDS, Marriage Equality, Employment
4. discrimination, Education and equity across other areas.
5. **WHEREAS**, The Affordable Care Act provides healthcare workers with
6. protection for denying contraceptives that many lesbian and bisexual women and
7. transgender men of every age use.
8. **WHEREAS**, There are an estimated 2.4 million LGBTQIA seniors that live in
9. American today and an estimated double by 2030. They are vulnerable to the
10. challenge of age and illness without many of the necessary legal protections.
11. **WHEREAS**, In 2019 only 19% of African American LGBTQIA youth expressed
12. they can be themselves at home.
13. **WHEREAS**, In 2019 studies say 59% of African American families make their
14. children feel bad or being in the LGBTQIA community.
15. **WHEREAS**, 18% of black LGBTQIA youth have been forced to perform
16. unwanted sexual acts.
17. **WHEREAS**, Only 35% of African American LGBTQ youth have received
18. counseling within the past year.

19. **WHEREAS**, 50% of African American LGBTQ youth are never able to use the  
20. restroom that aligns with their gender identity at school.

21. **WHEREAS**, 56.3% of African American transgender women are living with  
22. HIV.

23. **WHEREAS**, 2008 National Transgender Discrimination Survey reports 41%  
24. report attempting suicide at some point, with higher reports among participants  
25. who states they experience discrimination.

26. **WHEREAS**, Transgender young adults reported greater depression as well as  
27. higher rates of anxiety than others in the LGBTQIA community.

28. **WHEREAS**, Lower access to care has been noted for the LGBTQ community and  
29. even worse for ethnic minorities in this community.

30. **WHEREAS**, African American transgender women reported being attacked 8%  
31. more than African American non-binary people and 7% more than transgender  
32. men.

33. **WHEREAS**, In 2019 NTCE published “Failing to Protect and Serve’ an audit of  
34. policies of the 25 largest police departments in the country. The biggest finding  
35. was that police in the United States are failing to protect transgender people/

36. **WHEREAS**, Anti-trans violence continues to grow: Between 2017 and 2018 the  
37. number of these reported incidents increased by 34%

38. **WHEREAS**, The LGBTQ community is estimated by Gallup to be 4.5% of the  
39. United States population, yet they compromise 18.5% of hate crime violence.

40. **WHEREAS**, Of the 7,120 hate crimes reported in 2018 more than 1,300 stemmed  
41. from LGBTQ bias.

- 42. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women encourages its
- 43.** membership and community to center the needs of Black LGBTQIA+ people.
- 44. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women encourages training of
- 45.** police handling LGBTQ discrimination and hate crimes.
- 46. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women encourages more
- 47.** state-wide audits on gay an trans panic defense and general police treatment in
- 48.** handling of LGBTQ discrimination.

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**Tennessee General Assembly**