



RUSA Resolution S19 - 06

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**Resolution to Cosponsor Women Organizing Against Harassment's Take Back
the Night March**

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,¹

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 49.5% of multiracial women and over 45% of American Indian/Alaskan Native women will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,²

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 44% of lesbian women and 61% of bisexual women will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,³

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 26% of gay men and 37% of bisexual men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,⁴

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 47% of trans* people will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,⁵

¹ <https://www.nsvrc.org/statistics>

² <https://www.nsvrc.org/statistics>

³ <https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-assault-and-the-lgbt-community>

⁴ <https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-assault-and-the-lgbt-community>

⁵ <https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-assault-and-the-lgbt-community>

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 65% of trans* American Indians, 59% of trans* multiracial people, 58% of trans* Middle Eastern people, and 53% of trans* Black people will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,⁶

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, college women are two times more likely to be sexually assaulted than robbed,⁷

Whereas, the number of reported sexual assaults at the Rutgers University – New Brunswick campus has increased from 2015 to 2017,⁸

Whereas, research indicates a strong relationship between sexual assault and poor academic performance – sexual assault survivors suffer academically as a result of their assault,⁹

Whereas, we support sexual violence survivors,

Whereas, our duty to our constituents compels us to advocate for student concerns about the pressing issue of sexual violence prevention, and

Whereas, Women Organizing Against Harassment’s (WOAH) Take Back the Night march, an annual, global march against sexual- and gender-based violence, will be April 24th from 7-10pm, starting at Carpender Hall on Douglass campus and ending at Scott Hall on College Avenue campus;

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) will co-sponsor WOAH’s Take Back the Night march and grants permission for the use of its logo on the Take Back the Night banner,

⁶ <https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-assault-and-the-lgbt-community>

⁷ <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence>

⁸ https://ipo.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/RU-New_Brunswick_Crime_Stats_0.pdf

⁹ <https://psychology.as.uky.edu/sexual-assault-can-inhibit-student-success>

Be it further resolved, to aid in WOAHA's efforts during the Take Back the Night march, RUSA will create a social media campaign for Take Back the Night that posts advertisements for the event (advertisements created by Women Organizing Against Harassment) to our social media,; and

Be it further resolved, at least twenty members of RUSA will attend the Take Back the Night march.

RUSA President

Date