

**University of Baltimore
Student Government Association
Legislation 2020-2021
Resolution #2**

Introduced by: University of Baltimore's Student Government Association

Sponsored by: Senator Ashlyn Woods, Senator Shane Chung, Senator John Lucas, Senator Emily Kamp, Senator Randolph Wells, Senator Joseph Hensgen, Senator Sandra Uche, Senator Joseph Ha

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**Resolution in Support of Painting The Philadelphia Rainbow Pride Flag
at a Crosswalk on/near The University of Baltimore**

WHEREAS, our campus and locality currently does not have a rainbow crosswalk or any form of a monument to recognize the LGBTQ+ community;

WHEREAS, such projects are in line with our University and Baltimore City mission to promote diversity and inclusion;

WHEREAS, the presence of a rainbow crosswalk would raise symbolic visibility of support for members of the LGBTQ+ community and promote safe space on campus and in Baltimore;

WHEREAS, such projects have been done before in many cities in the United States and around the world in order to provide underrepresented communities with visibility and recognition as members of greater communities;

WHEREAS, such a crosswalk provides the campus with a unique opportunity to be the first Maryland school to have a rainbow crosswalk in its locality or campus;

WHEREAS, this crosswalk will provide University of Baltimore with an opportunity to create a new campus and Baltimore City landmark that students as well as the community can visit, enjoy and celebrate.

WHEREAS, the University of Baltimore Student Government Association has historically been committed to celebrating pride month and the LGBTQ+ community and with leading this effort in our city hopes to further promote justice for the LGBTQ+ community by declaring this project during "Pride Month" June 2020.

WHEREAS, the painting of the Philadelphia Rainbow Flag will allow to highlight and celebrate the struggles of the LGBTQ+ community towards achieving social equality, while also allowing for the black and brown stripes to highlight black and brown LGBTQ+ members of the community who historically lack representation in the greater Pride movement.

WHEREAS, work on this project has already been started by SGA and the passage of this resolution is the crucial next step in order for the painting of the rainbow to come to Baltimore

City and specifically our campus;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED, The Student Government Association fully supports the realization of this project in order to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and raise symbolic visibility of support for the LGBTQ+ community on our campus and in the City of Baltimore.

LET IT BE ENACTED, that the President of the Student Government Association will take on the role of presenting this Resolution to school administration, the City of Baltimore and other appropriate parties on behalf of Student Government Association with the help of executive board members and senators as needed.

LET IT BE ENACTED, that a copy of this document upon its approval will be sent to the University of Baltimore President, Director of Center for Student Involvement, Associate Vice-President of Student Success and Student Support Services, Vice-President of Government Relations, Mayor of Baltimore and other parties as needed to realize this project.

Senate Vote: 8/8 in support of approving this resolution

Date: June 21, 2020

Vice-President: Kevin McHugh

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