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The following resolution is recommended by the Gay Affairs Subcommittee for approval by the Student Council.

WHEREAS homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgment, reliability, ethicality, or general social or vocational capabilities; and

WHEREAS lesbian and gay male students and educators have made valuable contributions to the University since its beginning; and

WHEREAS these persons have been a hidden minority for fear of aggressive ridicule, physical assault, or job loss due to outmoded but widely held assumptions about homosexuality; and

WHEREAS discrimination and hostility on the basis of affectional or sexual preferences infringes on human and civil rights, including the rights to privacy, equal opportunity, and full development of one's human potential; and

WHEREAS hostility or fear on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation adversely affects the educational process, the quality of student life, and the mental health of students; and

WHEREAS students and educators expect to be judged objectively on the basis of professionally established criteria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Council of the University of Virginia opposes any discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation, official or private, which may exist at the University in such areas as academic programs, University housing, employment, student services, or student activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Council recommends to the University that the University's Equal Opportunity Counselor be instructed to accept and investigate complaints of discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation.