

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that must allow transgender people to safely use the public bathroom of their preferred identity or convert bathroom stalls to fully reach both the ceiling and the floor.

WHEREAS; Freedom from discrimination based on sex is a constitutional right, but when a person whose gender expression, gender identity, or behavior doesn't comply with their biological sex, it can lead to many problems in life, especially in schools, and sometimes in work places; and

WHEREAS; 89,667 participants in the 2010 census changed their names and 21,833 people changed their sex; and

WHEREAS; Student who identify as transgender or gender nonconforming experience greater risk of violence in current single-gendered, multiple-stalled restrooms; and

WHEREAS; 80 percent of transgender people said they had been denied access to their preferred restroom, 68 percent reported having been verbally harassed, and nine percent said that they had experienced physical assault; and

WHEREAS; The freedoms of transgender individuals and other individuals should be balanced; and

WHEREAS; Transgender individuals should not be persecuted for wanting to use the restroom of their choice because people are afraid they might be sexual predators as there is no evidence that the existence of transgender people is a threat; and

WHEREAS; The transgender community deserves the right to have a comfortable, safe place to use the restroom just like anyone else, because they are people and should be treated with dignity; and

WHEREAS; The access to public restrooms should not be a right reserved only to cis-gendered people; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on July 1, 2016, that the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that allows transgender individuals to safely use public bathrooms.