



**Associated Students of Western Washington University**  
Board of Directors

**A Resolution Opposing the War on Women**  
April 2012

**WHEREAS**, the “War on Women” refers to the multiple bills and efforts made to target the health, safety, and equality of women and branches out to affect people that are trans-identified, or gender neutral; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students represent the students of Western Washington University which is made up of 54.6% women, and adding the number of our transgender and gender neutral students on top of that demographic shows that over half of our student population is directly affected these bills; and,

**WHEREAS**, bills keep being proposed across the nation to limit women’s access to birth control which is needed for medical reasons such as help with anemia and endometriosis, and help to prevent ovarian cancer and cysts which can cause women to lose their ovaries; and,

**WHEREAS**, bills have been proposed in other states to give employers permission to fire women for using birth control; and,

**WHEREAS**, other states have made attempts to repeal the Equal Pay Enforcement Act, which ensures that people are not paid unfairly on a basis of things such as race or gender; and,

**WHEREAS**, attempts have been made to defund places such as Planned Parenthood that help give women affordable health care; and,

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has given pharmacists the right to deny women emergency contraception; and,

**WHEREAS**, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act version s.1925 would allow Native American women that live on reservations, undocumented women, and women in same-sex relationships to have access to services and protection from domestic violence and sexual assault; and,

**WHEREAS**, other versions proposed for the Violence Against Women Act would eliminate services and protection from domestic violence and sexual assault from communities of color and LGBTQ communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, nothing affects students in every aspect of their lives more than their health and safety; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the students of Western Washington University will not be discriminated on the basis of gender; and,

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, the health, safety, and equality of our students will not be treated as lesser than others because of their gender; and,

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, the Associated Students Board of Directors opposes legislation that infringes on the health, safety, and equality of our students; and,

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, the Associated Students Board of Directors support legislation that promotes and protects the health, safety, and equality of our students; and,

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, the Associated Students Board of Directors upholds that health, safety, and equality are basic rights that all students deserve, regardless of gender.

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