



RUSA Resolution 16F22-01

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Sponsors: Executive Committee

Co-sponsors: Rutgers Graduate Student Association

Resolution to Endorse the Day of Action on Reproductive Justice Petition

A bill to endorse a petition letter to President Holloway that respectfully asks the President to consider changes to reproductive health policies and services at the University.

Whereas, the 1973 United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v. Wade* that recognized the individual's right to decide to end or continue pregnancy, was overturned in June 2022,¹

Whereas, the Graduate Student Action Network and student partners across the nation are preparing events on Thursday, October 6th, to raise awareness and fight for reproductive justice²,

Whereas, reproductive justice, according to WebMD is the right of an individual to:³

- Control their own body
- Choose to have children
- Choose not to have children
- Choose how they will have children
- Take care of their children in a healthy and safe community

Whereas, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) has partnered with the Graduate Student Association, the Reproductive Justice Committee of Rutgers AAUP-AFT, Rutgers Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance, Supporting Parents and Caregivers Graduate Student Organization, and Science Policy at Rutgers Graduate Student Organization to host a Day of Action Tabling Event and Reproductive Justice Panel on October 6th,

¹ [Roe v. Wade - Center for Reproductive Rights](#)

² <https://www.gradaction.org/day-of-action>

³ [Reproductive Justice: What Is It?](#)

Whereas, the petition respectfully asks President Holloway to consider the following changes at the University,⁴

- Increase staffing at student centers per staff needs
- Equip student health centers with ultrasound equipment
- Establish medical vending machines for Plan B and other over-the-counter medicines
- Provide on-campus medical abortion services or Plan C pills
- Establish free menstrual hygiene products on campus
- Incorporate gender-neutral bathrooms at all three University campuses
- Provide child care benefits for graduate and teaching assistants

Be it hereby enacted, RUSA will sign the petition as the official undergraduate student government of Rutgers University - New Brunswick.

Dates:

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Passing Executive Committee:	10/02/2022
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