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A BILL TO: Encourage Grand Valley State University to create a gender neutral bathroom online map for all campuses.

Whereas, The Grand Valley State University Student Senate proposes the creation of a gender neutral bathroom online map for all campuses; and

Recognizing, As a representative and partner of the student body, Student Senate advocates for the diverse needs of the GVSU community;¹ and

Whereas, the GVSU Facilities Services is capable and equipped to create a map for both campuses; and

Recognizing, there has already been action by the university to construct its first set of new gender-neutral bathrooms in the Kirkhof Center; and

Whereas, this will not be changing all bathrooms on campus to gender neutral, but allow for the ones already on all GVSU campuses to be more easily identified; and

Recognizing, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, as well as Wayne State University have created a map as well as directions to all of their gender-neutral bathrooms on their campuses^{2,3}; and

Whereas, the creation of a gender neutral bathroom map will be a minimal cost to create and highly valuable to students on GVSU campus; and

¹ <https://www.gvsu.edu/studentsenate/>

² <https://gscc.msu.edu/trans-msu/restrooms-housing.html>

³ <https://lsa.umich.edu/slc/about-us/gender-inclusive-restrooms.html>

Recognizing, Grand Valley State University only lists the room number of gender neutral bathrooms on All Campuses on their website but has no clear way of showing where those locations are^{4,5,6}; and

Whereas, a list of room numbers with little context can be confusing to populations who are unfamiliar with either campus; and

Whereas, a map provided to show where such bathrooms are located would be helpful to those who use them regularly; and

Whereas, an online map identifying gender-neutral bathrooms on all of Grand Valley State University campuses will benefit not only LGBTQ+ students, but all students who want to find bathrooms on campus they will be more comfortable in; and

Recognizing, Reach Higher 2025 outlines a shared value to an inclusive and equitable community stating, “Foster and sustain a sense of belonging, promote diversity and respect, and address systemic issues that impact outcomes for those who have been historically excluded from higher education”⁷; and

Whereas, a gender-neutral bathroom map will show our commitment as a University to allowing all students to have a more inclusive experience while they’re on campus; and

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, Grand Valley State University’s Student Senate, acting on behalf of the student body, requests that GVSU Facilities Services create and maintain a map of gender-neutral bathrooms on each campus.

⁴ <https://www.gvsu.edu/facilitieservices/robert-c-pew-grand-rapids-campus-accessible-and-16.htm>

⁵ <https://www.gvsu.edu/facilitieservices/allendale-campus-accessible-and-gender-inclusive-restrooms-10.htm>

⁶ <https://www.gvsu.edu/facilitieservices/robert-c-pew-grand-rapids-campus-accessible-and-16.htm>

⁷ <https://www.gvsu.edu/reachhigher2025/values-32.htm>