



RUSA Resolution F19 - 06

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Resolution to Cosponsor IFC's SVE Banner Campaign

Whereas, sexual assault brutally violates an individual's basic human rights, and is a prominent issue on college campuses, including Rutgers University, throughout the nation,

Whereas, sexual violence has been a chronic yet under-reported issue on college campuses across the country,

Whereas, research indicates that at Rutgers, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 20 men will experience at least one instance of unwanted sexual contact since coming to Rutgers,¹

Whereas, among graduate and professional students nationally, 8.8% of females and 2.2% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation,²

Whereas, according to the iSPEAK Survey, "those students who did not identify as 100 percent heterosexual were two to three times more likely to experience sexual violence both before coming to college and since becoming college students,"³

¹<https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/centers/center-violence-against-women-and-children/research-and-evaluation/understanding-and>

² <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence>

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Whereas, the number of reported sexual assaults at the Rutgers University – New Brunswick campus has increased from 2015 to 2017,⁴

Whereas, our duty to our constituents compels us to advocate for student concerns about the pressing issue of sexual violence prevention, and

Whereas, IFC has created banners with statements like “Stand Against Rape Culture,” “No Does Not Mean Convince Me,” and “No Means No, Wherever You Go” in the past, and displayed them on the outside of their houses, many of which are on College Avenue, and are seen by thousands of students each day, and

Whereas, IFC and OFSA approve of the messages on the banners before they are put up;

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) will co-sponsor IFC’s Banner Campaign, which will share the following link, bit.ly/rusve (shares resources relating to sexual assault, domestic violence, and other SVE-related issues), on cloth banners outside of the approximately 15 fraternity houses on College Avenue Campus, alongside other statements condemning sexual violence and encouraging students to respect consent,

Be it hereby resolved, SVE allocates \$250 out of the \$350 required from its budget to help IFC pay for these banners, as they currently have no funding set aside to create the banners, and

Be it hereby resolved, should the SVE Committee deem a banner slogan inappropriate, it will contact IFC with their concerns and request the banner be taken down. The SVE Committee will approve all of the messages that appear on the banners.

RUSA President

Date

⁴ https://ipo.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/RU-New_Brunswick_Crime_Stats_0.pdf