RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER AS QUEER COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY

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Resolution Number: 12.08-09

WHEREAS, on November 25th, 2008, an article appeared in the Opinion section of the UW Daily, entitled “Gay Marriage? Let’s Stop and Think About This”; and
WHEREAS the opinion piece and its accompanying graphic of a man and a sheep displayed an attitude that many found both homophobic and offensive; and
WHEREAS the University of Washington Role and Mission Statement states that “the University fosters an environment in which its students can develop mature and independent judgment and an appreciation of the range and diversity of human achievement”; and
WHEREAS the attitude displayed in this opinion piece makes it clear that discrimination against the queer community exists at the University of Washington, which is contrary to creating a safe learning environment for all attending the University; and
WHEREAS students struggling with their sexual identity and their allies may have been negatively impacted by the message of this opinion piece.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT the GPSS supports the designation of fourth Tuesday of November as “Queer Community Awareness Day;” and
THAT the GPSS will support and encourage programming done by the GBLTC, the Q Center, Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity, or any other university community groups, in relation to Queer Community Awareness Day; and
THAT the GPSS encourages official recognition of this day by including it in the UW Student Planner; and
THAT a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the ASUW GLBTC Director Maggie Capwell, the Q Center Director Jennifer Self, ASUW President Anttimo Bennett, GPSS President Jake Faleschini, The UW Daily Editorial Board, UW President Mark
Presented to GPSS for approval on April 8, 2009

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