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**STATEMENT NO. 4
PRIDE**

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For many on campus, June is a very special month. It's a month where we look back on heroes who fought to acquire and protect basic rights for the LGBTQ+ community, acknowledge the struggles LGBTQ+ students currently face, and look forward towards a better, more equitable future. When looking back at the long road that leads to where we are today, we see a legacy of brave individuals who risked life and freedom in their endless efforts to fight for what we now consider basic civil liberties. Among the rainbow flags and joyful parades, we must remember the activist nature and bravery associated with the origins of pride. In the spirit of this activist nature, I and my Diversity Outreach Director, J Hallen, are excited to release a series of action steps aimed at creating a more positive campus climate for our LGBTQ+ community members.

These steps include:

- A pledge that we will work towards allowing transgender students to live in housing associated with their gender identity.
- Encouraging professors to add clauses to their syllabi stating that they are comfortable using a student's preferred name and pronouns upon request. This action step would include letting professors know about the importance of using preferred name and pronouns and providing them with sample clauses to add to syllabi.
- A pledge to push to change package delivery processing to make this process more friendly to transgender individuals. This could work by using address and/or student ID number for confirmation rather than name.
- The creation and support of media content uplifting the voices of LGBTQ+ students. This action step will specifically focus on voices historically silenced even within the already marginalized LGBTQ+ community, including, but not limited to, queer people of color, asexual individuals, transgender individuals, genderqueer and gender nonconforming individuals, and many more.



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These actions steps, along with a steady commitment towards supporting the LGBTQ+ population on campus, are just the beginning of a term-long push towards making this campus a more equitable environment for LGBTQ+ students.

Attached are some resources for your use. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my Diversity Outreach Director, J Hallen at sgdiversity@ncsu.edu.

Regards,

Jackie Gonzalez

On Campus Resources:

- The GLBT Center: The GLBT Center, located on the fifth floor of Talley Student Union, is a great place to go to get involved with LGBTQ+ issues on campus. The amazing staff are also available to provide resources regarding LGBTQ+ issues.
<https://oied.ncsu.edu/glb/>
- The Counseling Center at NC State works hard to help students achieve a healthy emotional life. This center actively supports LGBTQ+ students through a variety of efforts including two LGBTQ+ specific counseling groups.
<https://counseling.dasa.ncsu.edu/>

To learn more about the history of Pride:

- “9 LGBT People of Color Who Changed History”: A short article discussing the important work of 9 incredible LGBT people of color.
<http://www.newnownext.com/lgbt-black-history-month/01/2016/>
- “How Activists Plotted the First Gay Pride Parades”: A short article discussing the activist origins of Pride events.
<http://www.history.com/news/how-activists-plotted-the-first-gay-pride-parades>

