

8. RESOLUTION FOR LESBIAN ONLY SPACES

WHEREAS, lesbians have a right to define their sexual orientation on the basis of same-sex attraction; and

WHEREAS, lesbians, especially young lesbians, find it difficult to gather openly with other lesbians to discuss the day to day hurdles they face in their lives without being shamed for attempting to organize a lesbian-only gathering; and

WHEREAS, the sex-based rights of lesbians include the freedom to assemble and to organize on the basis of their common same-sex sexual orientation. Lesbians' right to freedom of assembly to create safe same-sex lesbian space is crucial for lesbians' autonomy and fundamental right to dignity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Organization of Women (NOW) reaffirms its solidarity in standing with lesbians when lesbians seek to create sex-segregated spaces to gather to discuss their lives in safety and mutual support. Plus NOW encourages such sex-segregated spaces for lesbians.

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