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7 **Sense of the Senate Resolution**
8 **Promoting San José State University’s Support of the You Can**
9 **Play Project**

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11 Whereas, San José State University is a diverse and inclusive campus
12 dedicated to social justice and ensuring equal access
13 and opportunity for students to succeed regardless of race,
14 ethnicity, religion, gender, economic status, disability, or
15 sexual orientation; and

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17 Whereas, From an early age LGBT persons often experience
18 shunning, hostility, bullying, and even extreme violence
19 when participating in athletics at all levels, creating an
20 unhealthy dynamic where LGBT athletes are closeted,
21 talents are not developed, bigotry is fostered, and athletics
22 becomes a symbol of intolerance.

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24 Whereas, The *You Can Play* project is dedicated to ensuring equality,
25 respect, and safety for all athletes regardless of sexual
26 orientation; and

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28 Whereas , *You Can Play* works to ensure that athletes are judged
29 solely on talent, heart, desire and work ethic and not on the
30 basis of sexual or gender identity; and

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32 Whereas, According to *You Can Play*, sports is one of the realms of
33 society where discrimination and slurs are too frequently
34 tolerated, and

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36 Whereas, Many teammates, coaches, and the broader university
37 community believe that all athletes “who can play” should be
38 welcomed, given equal opportunity, and accorded respect;
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41 Whereas, A number of college athletic conferences and a number of
42 colleges and universities, including Notre Dame, The Ohio
43 State University, UC Berkeley, Stanford, UCLA and
44 Sacramento State University, have teamed up with *You Can*
45 *Play* to promote equality in sports by producing video

46 messages for posting on the *You Can Play* website and
47 played at intercollegiate athletic events; and
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49 Whereas, San José State University Athletics aims to provide a safe
50 and inclusive environment for all student athletes to succeed
51 regardless of their sexual orientation or identity; therefore be
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54 Resolved, That San José State University actively supports the *You*
55 *Can Play* project; and be it further
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57 Resolved, That San José State University allocate funds to promote the
58 principles and message of the *You Can Play* project through
59 activities and communications including, but not limited to,
60 the production, use, and distribution (including submission to
61 the *You Can Play* website) of a video reflecting SJSU's
62 commitment to inclusive excellence.
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73 Approved: April 21, 2016 by email vote
74 Vote: 14-0-1
75 Present: Kimbarow, Martin, Larochele, Lanning, Blaylock, Feinstein,
76 Frazier, Backer, Lee, Kaufman, Mathur, Shifflett, Amante,
77 Peter, Heiden
78 Absent: None