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**SA2122-006: Resolution in Support of the Victims of the Copeland Park Attack**

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WHEREAS two transgender teenagers were the target of an identity-based attack in La Crosse’s Copeland Park on July 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS the perpetrator approached the teenage couple to verbally harass them, including the use of a homophobic slur, before physically attacking one of the victims; and

WHEREAS the La Crosse District Attorney’s Office has charged the perpetrator with a hate crime after public outcry from LGBT+ community members, allies, and local organizations; and

WHEREAS this is not the first incidence of discrimination against the transgender and non-binary community in the La Crosse area; and

WHEREAS incidents of hate have ripple effects that harmfully impact the entire LGBT+ community, including LGBT+ University of Wisconsin- La Crosse students, staff, and faculty;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Student Association stands in solidarity with the victims of the Copeland Park attack and all victims of transphobic and homophobia violence; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Association further condemns hateful violence of any kind, both on and off of the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse campus; and

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K.C. Cayo  
President, Student Senate  
Vice President, Student Association

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to Mayor Mitch Reynolds, the La Crosse City Council, the La Crosse District Attorney Tim Gruenke, and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Faculty Senate.

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