



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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### S. Res. 07

To address student grievances regarding inclusivity by making changes to the Mr. and Ms. Madison tradition in preparation for Homecoming Week at James Madison University.

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IN THE STUDENT SENATE OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

SENATOR BRYANA MOORE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN COLLABORATION WITH SGA PRESIDENT JEWEL HURT, SGA VICE PRESIDENT BEN ROSENBERGER, AND MADISON EQUALITY PRESIDENT CECILY THOMAS

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# A RESOLUTION

To address student grievances regarding inclusivity by making changes to the Mr. and Ms. Madison tradition in preparation for Homecoming Week at James Madison University.

Whereas, the Student Government Association is charged with organizing and executing the tradition of Mr. and Ms. Madison.

AND Whereas, the tradition of Mr. and Ms. Madison seeks to recognize senior students who have exemplified an outstanding spirit of Madison.

AND Whereas, the current tradition is only inclusive to students who identify as male or female and fails to provide transgender and non-binary students an opportunity to be recognized.

AND Whereas, students and faculty have expressed a need for a more gender-neutral and inclusive process.

AND Whereas, it is the duty of the Student Government Association to ensure unity through diversity.

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, That:*

The Student Government Association changes the tradition of Mr. and Ms. Madison in the following ways:

- Each organization shall be allowed to nominate 2 people regardless of gender to apply, interview, and potentially become a finalist

- Finalists will be selected based on character and qualifications- neither sex, gender, nor sexual orientation shall play a role in the selection process
- The finalists shall be referred to as the Madison Royal Court with sashes that read “Madison Royal Court”
- The finalists/Madison Royal Court will be asked to provide information about how they would like to be addressed if they are voted as a winner (Mr., Ms., Mx., or none)
- The finalists/Madison Royal Court will campaign to be a Madison Majesty.
- Winners will be announced as follows: “Your Majesty (Mr., Ms., Mx., or none) Madison: \_\_Insert winner name \_\_)