

LOCAL RESOLUTION 27

A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE EXPRESSION WALL AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE

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**Short Title:** UNCA Free Expression Support Act (Public)

**Sponsored by:** President LADD (corresponding), Delegates A. JOHNSON, LAWLESS and PUROHIT

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**Referred to:** \_\_\_\_\_ Committee on Government Operations & Community Services \_\_\_\_.

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1 **Section 1.** The General Assembly of the University of North Carolina Association of Student  
2 Governments adopts the following resolution:  
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4 **WHEREAS,** the Aesthetics Committee of the Student Government Association of UNC  
5 Asheville has written a proposal in order to obtain a free expression wall similar to  
6 other structures at the constituent institutions of the University; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS,** a free expression wall ties into the UNC Asheville mission statement where the  
9 University is said to “[offer] a superior liberal arts education for well-prepared  
10 students who are committed to learning and personal growth. [UNC Asheville’s]  
11 education is liberating, promoting the free and rigorous pursuit of truth, respect for  
12 differing points of view and heritage, and an understanding that values play a role  
13 in thought and action. Through this education the university aims to develop  
14 students of broad perspective who think critically and creatively, communicate  
15 effectively, and participate actively in their communities,” as well as foster  
16 “scholarship and creative activities by faculty and students alike”; and,  
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18 **WHEREAS,** freedom of expression is a right enshrined by the First Amendment to the United  
19 States Constitution; and,  
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21 **WHEREAS,** other members of the University of North Carolina, including Appalachian State,  
22 N.C. State, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro and UNC Wilmington, all have  
23 existing versions of such a structure; and,  
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25 **WHEREAS,** the UNC Association of Student Governments, as the collective student voice of  
26 the Student Body of the University of North Carolina, is committed to supporting  
27 the Student Government of UNC Asheville and the students it represents; now,  
28 therefore, be it  
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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNC ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS**

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**37th SESSION, 2008-2009**

30 **RESOLVED**, that the University of the North Carolina Association of Student Governments  
31 formally endorses and supports the recommendation of the Student Government  
32 of the University of North Carolina Asheville to construct a free expression wall.  
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34 **Section 2.** This Act shall take effect upon its enrollment.