

RESOLUTION: Embracing Neurodiversity at WIU

WHEREAS Western Illinois University (WIU) proudly affirms its dedication to inclusivity and diversity in collaboration with the WIU Justice Inclusion Diversity & Equity Office (Carl, Ervin, Director, JIDE), WIU SGA (President Kyle Ramlow), WIU Political Science (Chair Greg Baldi) WIU Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology (Julie Curless, Initiatives in Accessibility Committee Chair) , WIU-Quad Cities (VP Kristi Mindrup), and other university partners, we recognize and celebrate the diverse strengths and contributions that neurodivergent individuals bring to our community, encompassing those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), whether formally diagnosed or seeking informal support; and

WHEREAS Across our campuses in Macomb, Moline, and Online, WIU actively promotes the neurodivergent paradigm, acknowledging that neurological differences enrich the fabric of our university, we commit to cultivating an environment that supports the well-being and success of neurodivergent individuals by increasing awareness, providing tailored resources, and fostering inclusive spaces; and

WHEREAS By encouraging dialogue and collaboration, WIU aims to create an open and accepting culture where neurodivergent individuals feel welcomed and valued, together with JIDE and WIU-QC, we are committed to building a diverse and inclusive community that reflects the richness of human experience.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WIU embraces the neurodivergent paradigm, striving to create an environment where all members can thrive academically, socially, and personally, as evidenced in the creation and maintenance of resources and opportunities for all students and community members.