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Greensboro - Alternative Resources of the Triad strongly condemns the North Carolina Legislature's override of Governor Roy Cooper's vetoes on laws attacking the transgender community. ART, the organization that produces the annual Greensboro Pride Festival, believes that everyone deserves fair access to the medical treatments they need to survive. One of the Legislature's overrides prevents medical professionals from providing hormone therapy, puberty-blocking drugs, and surgical gender-transition procedures to North Carolinians younger than 18. These medical treatments are life savers in the transgender community and should be decided between patients, their parents, and their doctors, not a legislative body.

Additionally, the Legislature overrode a veto on a bill limiting LGBTQ+ instruction in schools, requires teachers to inform parents before calling a student by an alternate name, and bars the essential education of gender identity and sexuality in grades K-4. ART believes these are formative years for children and our youth should be taught that it is okay to be themselves, no matter their gender identity.

The third bill the Legislature overrode prevents transgender girls from playing on girls sports teams. This, like the other two laws, are abhorrent and prevent our youth from being their true selves. This is unacceptable and ART encourages the courts to step in and block these harmful and hateful laws.

Alternative Resources of the Triad wants to reiterate our love for ALL people, no matter their gender-identity, and strongly stands with our Transgender community.



Learn more about Greensboro Pride at GreensboroPride.org and follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

About Alternative Resources of the Triad

The Greensboro Pride Festival is the headlining annual event for Alternative Resources of the Triad (ART), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. ART's mission is to improve the emotional and social wellbeing of LGBTQIA2+ individuals in Greensboro by promoting inclusivity and building resources, safe spaces, and social events.