



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Human Rights Commission

Recommendation Number: (20230424-07): Statement of Transgender Rights

WHEREAS, as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and

WHEREAS, decisions regarding the healthcare of children should be made by the parents, in consult with their children and their doctors, and

WHEREAS, in the 88th session of the Texas Legislature, legislation is currently being considered that, should it become law, would deny the right of parents and their children to seek gender-affirming healthcare of any kind, and

WHEREAS, denial of gender-affirming healthcare is hateful and harmful, and can cause extreme emotional and physical distress for transgender children and their families, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is also considering a constitutional amendment that would assert and guarantee Parental Rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Human Rights Commission of the City of Austin urges the Mayor and the City Council to condemn this attempt to interfere with the rights of parents to make decisions with and on behalf of their children regarding their physical and mental health, and that we stand united in our support of transgender children and adults, as well as with all LGTBQIA+ communities everywhere.


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Record of the vote: 6-1

For: I. Griffith, A. Weigel, M. Kruger, K. Duhon, G. Zeidan, M. Davis

Against: K. Brienzi

Attest:



Chair. Idona Griffith