

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT HB 1557/SB 1834 WHICH UNDERMINES PROTECTIONS FOR LGBTQ STUDENTS AND CREATES OBSTACLES FOR EDUCATORS THAT SEEK TO PROVIDE SAFE, INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill No. 1834 and HB 1557, which is known as the "Don't Say Gay" Bill among LGBTQ advocates, proposes to "not encourage classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grade levels or in a manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students," and it further provides for damages, fees and cost awards to parents that seeks judgment under provisions of that law; and

WHEREAS, the vague language of these regulations would serve to stigmatize and isolate LGBTQ children, and ban lessons and discussions about LGBTQ history and identities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Key West City Commission urges the Florida Legislature to defeat Senate Bill 1834 and House Bill 1557, which undermines protections for LGBTQ students and creates obstacles for educators that seek to provide safe, inclusive classrooms.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Senate President Wilton Simpson, Senator Dennis Baxley (Bill Sponsor), Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Representative Joe Harding (sponsor) and Representative James "Jim" Mooney, Jr.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held
this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the
Commission on _____ day of _____, 2022.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2022.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK