

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, OPPOSING FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 583 AND FLORIDA SENATE BILL 1464, WHICH, IF PASSED, WOULD PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC RESTROOMS ARE RESTRICTED TO PERSONS OF THE SEX FOR WHICH THE FACILITY IS DESIGNATED, EFFECTIVELY REQUIRING CITIZENS, INCLUDING TRANSGENDER CITIZENS, TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THEIR BIOLOGICAL GENDER, OR 'PAPERS TO PEE," IN ORDER TO GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIVES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, City staff has received notice that the Florida Legislature is considering HB 583 and SB 1464, which would require that the use of single-sex public restroom facilities be restricted to persons of the sex for which the facility is designated; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is concerned that this legislation will leave schools and business open to costly and unnecessary litigation and would encourage them to police restrooms to ensure that every person has the appropriate 'papers to pee' before entering; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this proposed legislation intentionally undermines human rights protections that already exists for a majority of Floridians and seeks to solve a problem that does not exist; and

WHEREAS, legislation which is exclusionary specifically toward transgendered individuals, is not only wrong, but it threatens Florida's tourism-based economy; and

WHEREAS, there are adequate state laws regarding criminal behaviors which take place inside public facilities, and additional legislation is not necessary;

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 strongly opposes proposed HB 583 and SB 1464 and urges its legislators to oppose such measures.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Representative Raschein, Senator Bullard, and Governor Rick Scott and members of the House and Senate leadership.

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 _____, 2015.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2015.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2015.

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK