

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT HB 1421/SB 254, WHICH AMONG MANY PROVISIONS, WOULD PROHIBIT GENDER AFFIRMING TREATMENT FOR ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill 254 and Florida House Bill 1421 propose to prohibit gender affirming care for minors, prohibit insurance providers from funding gender affirming care, and establish administrative barriers to deter health care professionals from providing gender affirming medical treatments to patients of any age; and

WHEREAS, the regulations proposed in HB 1421 have been brought forward as a political statement to prohibit certain established standards of medical care, and would cause irreparable harm to citizens that should receive support, not condemnation for medical concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it abhorrent to prohibit residents of Florida from obtaining financial and medical access to established standards of care for gender dysphoria, and morally

unacceptable that the legislation goes so far as to include a provision which would allow the state to remove custody of a child from their parent(s), specifically to prevent a parent from seeking essential medical care for their child across state lines; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that HB 1421/SB 254 would have an adverse effect on the health and welfare of visitors and residents of the City of Key West and the State of Florida; 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 House Bill 1421/SB 254, which among numerous prohibitions and restrictions, would prohibit gender affirming medical care for minors.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Representatives Fine, Massullo, Jacques, and Plakon (HB 1421 Sponsors), House Speaker Paul Renner, and Representative James "Jim" Mooney, Jr, Senators Yarborough, Perry, and Broxson (SB 254 Co-Sponsors), and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez.

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 _____, 2023.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2023.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2023.

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

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK