

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS,
STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE LGBTQIA+
COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, following an opinion rendered by Attorney General Ken Paxton deeming that “elective” gender-affirming treatments constitute child abuse, Governor Greg Abbott issued a directive on February 22, 2022 for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to investigate parents of children undergoing any such treatments and for other agencies to investigate the facilities where they are carried out; and

WHEREAS, this directive impedes upon the well-being, safety, and personal freedom of Pflugerville’s transgender youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, the city of Pflugerville values and recognizes the LGBTQIA+ community and will not support any efforts to compromise the welfare and safety of our LGBTQIA+ youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, gender identity and freedom of expression are vital to how children and teens see themselves and their ability to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association states that criminalizing healthcare for transgender minors is a dangerous intrusion into the practice of medicine; and the Endocrine Society and the Pediatric Endocrine Society oppose any legislation that bans medical and surgical treatments for transgender children; and

WHEREAS, major medical healthcare organizations support gender-affirming care and oppose legislation that will hinder medical care for transgender youth; and

WHEREAS, family support and professional care reduce suicide attempts by LGBTQIA+ youth by 40%¹; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for families and transgender youth to have safe access to resources and professional guidance to ensure a positive quality of life; and

WHEREAS, dismissing the needs of transgender youth and families is fundamentally negligent and poses a significant risk that may have harmful and dangerous physical and mental

¹ <https://time.com/6128131/gender-affirming-hormone-therapy-study/> and [https://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X\(21\)00568-1/fulltext](https://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X(21)00568-1/fulltext)

health consequences; and

WHEREAS, actions like those of Governor Abbott and Attorney General Paxton are likely to increase rejection, targeted harassment, and hate crimes against transgender youth; and

WHEREAS, the city of Pflugerville has a long history of standing in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ community, including the creation of an Equity Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS, THAT:

The City of Pflugerville stands in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ community, will protect their rights to seek care and feel physically and mentally safe in our community, and will oppose any actions that negatively impact the well-being and rights of LGBTQIA+ youth and their families.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this the 8th day of March, 2022.

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trista Evans, City Secretary