

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO INTRODUCED OHIO H.B. 616, WHICH WOULD LIMIT HOW TEACHERS EDUCATE K-12 STUDENTS ABOUT SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY, HOW TEACHERS EDUCATE K-12 STUDENTS ABOUT RACISM AND REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF HUDSON'S SUPPORT FOR THE LGBT+ AND RACIAL MINORITY COMMUNITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio H.B. No. 616 is a copy of Florida's "Don't Say Gay" bill, and severely limits the ability of K-12 teachers to educate students about sexual orientation and gender identity;

WHEREAS, H.B. 616 will effectively chill the discussion of non-traditional families in K-12 classrooms and will ban LGBTQ+ students and students with LGBTQ+ parents from discussing their own lived experiences;

WHEREAS, H.B. 616 also purports to ban ideas that the State Board of Education defines as divisive or inherently racist, which will undermine the ability of our teachers to honestly and accurately educate K-12 students about the history and present reality of racism in society;

WHEREAS, H.B. No. 616 unfairly and punitively restricts educators, creating purposely vague prohibitions intended to stop teachers from discussing crucial subject matters critical to educating our youth;

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson is proud to celebrate its diversity and is committed to supporting the LGBTQ+ and racial minority communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Hudson, County of Summit, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Council, on behalf of the City of Hudson, hereby expresses its opposition to H.B. 616, a bill that has been introduced in the Ohio General Assembly, which would limit how teachers educate K-12 students about sexual orientation and gender identity, and how teachers educate our K-12 students about racism.

Section 2. That Council, on behalf of the City of Hudson, hereby reaffirms its support for the LGBTQ+ and racial minority communities.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio House Speaker Robert Cupp, Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman, and to the members of the Ohio General Assembly representing the citizens of the City of Hudson.

Section 4. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is immediately necessary for this Council to express its strong opposition to proposed H.B. 616 that would have devastating and discriminatory consequences for minority and LGBTQ+ individuals

throughout Ohio; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage provided it receives the affirmative vote of five members of Council except that six affirmative votes shall be required if all members are present; otherwise, it shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:

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Jeffrey T. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-64 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council