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CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACCESS TO GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Boston, home to the largest population of residents who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Gender-Diverse, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Aromantic, Pansexual, Non-Binary, Agender, Two-Spirit, and other sexual or romantic orientations and gender identities or expressions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, officially declared itself to be a Sanctuary City for the LGBTQIA2S+ community in March of 2025; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Since January 20, 2025, LGBTQIA2S+ communities across the country have been targeted by several executive orders (#14187 “Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation” and #14168 “Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government”) that aim to curtail gender-affirming health care, reproductive healthcare, HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment care, the inclusion of gendered language in federally-backed scientific research, and more; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Recent announcements that local healthcare institutions will cease providing gender-affirming care to individuals under the age of 19 represents a concerning precedent of political-coercion which poses significant public health risks to LGBTQIA2S+ people and all residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston is a global leader in research, education, and medical innovation, with institutions that affirm the importance of science and evidence-based policies. Ongoing federal actions—including recent executive orders that undermine LGBTQIA2S+ rights and promote their erasure—have been in direct conflict with the city’s commitment to evidence-based, inclusive approaches to public health. ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council affirms the necessity of gender-affirming healthcare and is committed to working alongside local healthcare institutions to meet the city of Boston's needs to ensure continued access for residents of all ages.

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