



Chair Eklund, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Dana McDaniel and I am the City Manager for the City of Dublin.

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony.

I am writing to express the City of Dublin's support for Senate Bill 11 (Ohio Fairness Act) to add sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to Ohio's nondiscrimination laws.

As outlined in the attached Resolution 37-17, adopted by Dublin City Council April 24, 2017, the City of Dublin rejects discrimination of any kind, and supports equal rights for all Ohioans.

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Dayton Legal Blank, Inc., Form No. 30045

Resolution No. 37-17 Passed _____, 20____

A RESOLUTION COMBATING INTOLERANCE, NEGATIVE STEREOTYPING AND DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGION, BELIEF OR ETHNICITY

WHEREAS, the City of Dublin is a diverse community of families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, appreciation for diversity in all forms strengthens a community, fosters a welcoming environment, and is a critical component of a thriving, successful city; and

WHEREAS, all Dublin citizens should be treated with the dignity, care and compassion that every human being deserves, irrespective of faith, belief or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, hatred, fear, and discrimination against individuals on the basis of race, religion, or national origin is detrimental to all people who cherish freedom and equality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Dublin, 7 of its elected members concurring, that:

Section 1. The City of Dublin rejects discrimination of any kind and respects the inherent worth of all people.

Section 2. The City encourages the creation of collaborative networks to build mutual understanding, and promote dialogue and education.

Section 3. The City encourages all residents to speak out against intolerance, including advocacy of religious or ethnic intolerance that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence.

Section 4. The City recognizes that the open, constructive and respectful debate of ideas can play a positive role in combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and discrimination.

Section 5. The City encourages the representation and meaningful participation of individuals, irrespective of their religion, belief or ethnicity in all sectors of society.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage in accordance with Section 4.04(a) of the Revised Charter.

Passed this 24th day of April, 2017.



Mayor - Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council