



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TEN

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN ACT RELATIVE TO GENDER-BASED DISCRIMINATION AND HATE CRIMES (S. 1687/H.1728)

- WHEREAS,** Transgender people in Massachusetts face high levels of discrimination and violence because of widespread prejudice; and,
- WHEREAS,** Transgender youth are often bullied, harassed and lose educational opportunities because they do not conform to stereotypes of how boys and girls should look and act; and,
- WHEREAS,** According to a survey administered by the National Center for Transgender Rights and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 97% of transgender people report being harassed or mistreated at work; and,
- WHEREAS,** The same survey also found that, 26% of transgender people have lost their jobs due to their gender identity or expression; and,
- WHEREAS,** In the greater Boston area, a 2006 survey of 103 male-to-female transgender women found less than 25% had full-time employment and even less had part-time employment; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council should affirm the City's commitment to equality and freedom from discrimination and violence for all of its residents; and,
- WHEREAS,** Senate Bill 1678 and House Bill 1728 An Act Relative to Gender-Based Discrimination adds the category "gender identity or expression" to the Massachusetts hate crime, employment, housing, credit, public accommodations, and public education non-discrimination laws; and,
- WHEREAS,** The bill ensures that Massachusetts laws explicitly protect all people from violence and harassment because of their gender identity or gender expression; **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council go on record in support of An Act Relative to Gender-Based Discrimination and Hate Crimes (S. 1687/ H. 1728) and urges the Boston Delegation of the Massachusetts State Legislature to support passage of this bill.

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