

RESOLUTION NO. 06, 2021

AN RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN INCLUSIVE ST. BERNARD AND A BIPARTISAN OHIO FAIRNESS ACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) include individuals from all faiths, races, national origins, socioeconomic statuses, education levels, and political beliefs; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people in the United States have made, and continue to make vital contributions to the United States and to the world in every aspect, including in the fields of education, law, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, law enforcement, healthcare, fashion, sports, government, military, music, film, politics, technology, literature, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in Obergefell v. Hodges, 135 S. Ct. 2584, that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry and acknowledged that “no union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family.”; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives are currently considering the Ohio Fairness Act (SB119, HB208); and

WHEREAS, this legislation amends Ohio’s anti-discrimination laws to include sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression as protected classes, expanding legal protections in housing, employment, and access to public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Fairness Act would empower all Ohio residents to more fully contribute in the workplace, engage in commerce, and participate in civic life without fear of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Nearly three quarters of Ohioans favor employment and housing laws that make it illegal to discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and of the state’s top 98 employers, over 80 have nondiscrimination policies; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO:


SECTION 1: That the Village of St. Bernard strongly supports an Ohio Fairness Act and urges members of the Ohio Legislature to act with fairness and justice in ensuring that all Ohioans enjoy freedom from discrimination.

SECTION 2: That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Ohio House Speaker Robert E. Cupp, Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman, House Commerce and Labor Committee Chair Dick Stein, Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee Chair Kristina D. Roegner, Representative Mark Johnson, Senator Rob McColley, Representative Brigid Kelly, Senator Cecil Thomas, and to all members of the Ohio House Commerce and Labor Committee and Ohio Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee.

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SECTION 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements. Passed this 23 day of November, 2021.



President of Council

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council

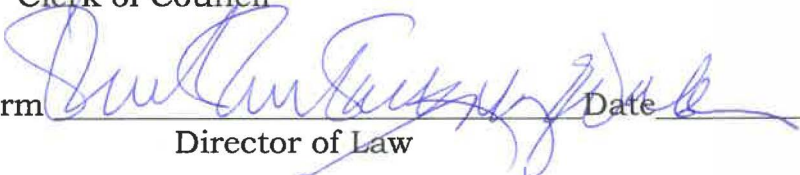
Approved this 23 day of November, 2021.



Mayor

I, M. SUE KATHMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO, DO HEREBY testify that the publication of Resolution No. 06, 2021, was made by posting true copies of the same in the most public places designated by Council: St. Bernard Square Bus Stop; Vine Street and Washington Avenue; Bertus Street Park; Greenlee Avenue and Johnson Alley; Park on Heger Drive; each for a period of fifteen (15) days or more commencing__, 2021.

ATTEST:  DATE 11.23 - 20.21
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form  Date 11.23.21
Director of Law

