

1 EXHIBIT 1

2 RESOLUTION 2016 –

3 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
4 THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE
5 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO
6 SECTION 456.064 FLORIDA STATUTES PROHIBITING THE
7 USE OF CONVERSION THERAPY ON MINORS AND
8 COMMENDING THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS AND SIMILAR
9 CITIES WHO HAVE ADOPTED ORDINANCES PROHIBITING
10 THE PRACTICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, Senator Jeff Clemens and Representative Richardson introduced bills in the
13 Florida Senate and House of Representatives which, if adopted, would have prohibited licensed
14 professional counselors, licensed under the provisions regulating the practice of medicine,
15 osteopathic medicine, psychology, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or mental
16 health counseling from practicing or performing conversion therapy with an individual who is
17 younger than the age of eighteen (18); and

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19 **WHEREAS**, both bills died in the Health policy committee and was never enacted; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manor adopted Ordinance No. 2016-009 amending Chapter
22 12 of the Code of Ordinances to create Article IV, Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change
23 Efforts; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, other cities around the State of Florida are adopting ordinances similar to the
26 one adopted by Wilton Manor; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manor has assessed a penalty for the violation of their
29 ordinance of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for each day that a violation occurs; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, the American Psychiatric Association previously published a position
32 statement in December 1998 opposing any psychiatric treatment, including reparative or
33 conversion therapy, which is based upon the assumption that homosexuality per se is a mental
34 disorder or that a patient should change his or her homosexual orientation; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry published a
36 statement in 2012, in its journal that “[g]iven that there is no evidence that efforts to alter sexual
37 orientation are effective, beneficial or necessary, and the possibility that they carry the risk of
38 significant harm, such interventions are contraindicated “; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, at least six (6) other national organizations have asserted the position that
41 sexual orientation change efforts, including reparative therapy or conversion therapy are not
42 recommended and may be harmful; and
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44 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has a compelling interest in protecting physical and
45 psychological well-being of minors, including those who are members of the LGBTQ community,
46 and in protecting these minors from exposure to serious harm caused by sexual orientation and
47 gender identity change efforts; and
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49 **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Commission to support future efforts of
50 members of the State legislature who introduce bills to prohibit the practice of conversion therapy
51 on minors and to commend the cities who have already taken action to prohibit such therapies.
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53 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY**
54 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**
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56 **SECTION 1. Support of prohibition.** The Mayor and City Commission strongly urge
57 the members of the state legislature to enact an amendment to Section 456.064 of the Florida
58 Statutes to prohibit the use of Conversion Therapy on youths under the age of eighteen (18).
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60 **SECTION 2. Commendation to Cities.** The Mayor and City Commission commend
61 cities, such as Wilton Manors, for taking action and enacting ordinances which prohibit the use of
62 conversion therapy on minors in their cities.
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64 **SECTION 3. Direction to Clerk.** The City Clerk is directed to distribute a copy of this
65 resolution on the Broward County state legislative delegation and the cities of Broward County.
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SECTION 4. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of October, 2016.

JOY F. COOPER
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER MICHELE LAZAROW

ATTEST:

MARIO BATAILLE, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND
FORM

V. LYNN WHITFIELD
CITY ATTORNEY