

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 15  
Series of 2018

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONVERSION THERAPY FOR MINORS IN WHEAT RIDGE AND SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE BAN AGAINST CONVERSION THERAPY FOR MINORS**

**WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge is an inclusive community and believes that all people are entitled to their own identity and to be welcomed as they are; and**

**WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, American School Counselor Association and other professional organizations concluded that sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts can pose critical health risks to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people, including depression, suicide, substance abuse, self-hatred and a feeling of being dehumanized; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge acknowledges that conversion therapy to change one's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression is a harmful practice and form of emotional and physical abuse; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge knows that being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer is not a disease, disorder, deficiency or shortcoming. In fact, being part of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community is a diversity to be celebrated and one of the many cultural groups within our community; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge is in favor of Colorado joining the nine states that have banned conversion therapy for minors; and**


**WHEREAS, we as a community can prevent future abuses from conversion therapy by raising awareness of this issue.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Wheat Ridge City Council, that the City of Wheat Ridge is:

**OPPOSED TO CONVERSION THERAPY in the City of Wheat Ridge, and I call upon the people of Wheat Ridge to recognize this abuse against LGBTQ people, specifically our LGBTQ youth, and to stand against it in our community.**

**DONE AND RESOLVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

ATTEST:

  
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Janelle Shaver, City Clerk



  
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Bob Starker, Mayor