

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 300 OF 2023, AN ACT AMENDING THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES DUE TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR EXPRESSION

WHEREAS, the practice or policy of discrimination against individuals or groups by reason of their race, color, familial status, religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, handicap or disability, use of guide or support animals because of blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals is a matter of concern of the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, such discrimination foments domestic strife and unrest, threatens the rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth and undermines the foundations of a free democratic state.

WHEREAS, the denial of equal employment, housing and public accommodation opportunities because of such discrimination, and the consequent failure to utilize the productive capacities of individuals to their fullest extent, deprives large segments of the population of the Commonwealth of earnings necessary to maintain decent standards of living, necessitates their resort to public relief and intensifies group conflicts thereby resulting in grave injury to the public health and welfare, compels many individuals to live in dwellings which are substandard, unhealthful and overcrowded, resulting in racial segregation in public schools and other community facilities, juvenile delinquency and other evils, thereby threatening the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the Commonwealth and its inhabitants.

WHEREAS, public policies, reflecting an open and welcoming environment and ensuring equal opportunity, foster economic growth and prosperity which benefit the inhabitants of this Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, conversely, the absence of nondiscrimination protections hinder efforts to recruit and retain the diversity of talented individuals and successful enterprises required for a thriving economy and strong public sector on which the inhabitants of this Commonwealth depend.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania State Constitution prohibits certain practices of discrimination because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, sex, age or national origin by employers, employment agencies, labor organizations.

WHEREAS, the addition of nondiscrimination protections contained in House Bill 300 of 2023 reflect an open and welcoming environment for individuals or groups because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression which would be of substantial benefit to Lemoyne Borough and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lemoyne, Cumberland County, strongly advocates passage of House Bill 300 of 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be shared with the Governor of this Commonwealth and duly elected members of the General Assembly representing the Borough of Lemoyne with a request for their favorable consideration of House Bill 300 of 2023.

DULY ADOPTED this 4th day of May 2023 by the Borough of Lemoyne in lawful session duly assembled.

LEMOYNE BOROUGH

ATTEST: _____

Secretary

BY: _____

Council President

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