



RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, THE PASSING OF LAWS BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA LEGISLATURE PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF A PERSON'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION.

WHEREAS, The State of Florida Constitution declares that “all natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights.”; and

WHEREAS, The State of Florida Legislature has passed bills that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, physical disability or national origin; and

WHEREAS, The State of Florida Legislature has failed to pass laws that also prohibit discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation and gender identity or expression and has not therefore treated all Florida citizens equally; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Neptune Beach support the State of Florida Legislature adopting laws that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, thus treating all citizens equally.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. The City of Neptune Beach, Florida, hereby supports the passing of laws by the State of Florida Legislature prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; thus fulfilling the declaration of the State of Florida Constitution of equal protection under the law.

SECTION 2. The City of Neptune Beach, Florida, hereby authorizes and directs that copies of this resolution be sent to the Florida State legislators.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Neptune Beach, Florida on this 7th day of April, 2014.

Harriet Pruette, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

