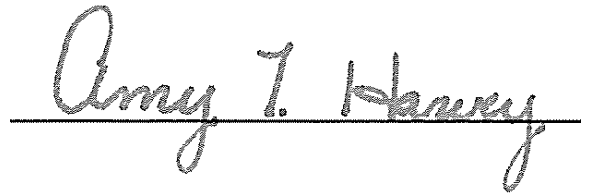


**I, Amy T. Harvey, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2023-03-08/R-0.1) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on March 08, 2023.**

**This the 9th day of March, 2023.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amy T. Harvey", is written over a horizontal line.

**Amy T. Harvey  
Deputy Town Clerk**



## **A RESOLUTION IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHAPEL HILL'S LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY (2023-03-08/R-0.1)**

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill has a proud history of advancing the rights of LGBTQIA+ people, including adding sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to the list of characteristics protected in the Town's equal employment opportunity policy in 2004; creating a domestic partner registry in 1995; electing Joe Herzenberg, the South's first gay elected official, in 1987 and 1991; electing the Town's first gay Mayor in 2009 and, later, electing the Town's first lesbian Council Member and Mayor Pro-tem in 2017; being among the first to support civil marriage "for same-sex couples and inclusion of LGBTQ families in comprehensive immigration reform; being one of several local governments to oppose the General Assembly's discriminatory Senate Bill 2 (Session Law 2015-75) in 2015; being the first to call for repeal of the discriminatory Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act (House Bill 2) in 2016; and being among the first (with the Towns of Hillsborough and Carrboro and Orange County) to adopt an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations and employment based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression in 2021; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes targeting LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, & queer) people have increased every year for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, there were at least 34 trans and gender nonconforming people killed in the U.S. in 2022; and

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQIA+ community currently experience the highest per capita rate of hate-motivated violence of any marginalized group in the US; and

WHEREAS, mass shootings by domestic terrorists at LGBTQIA+ gathering spaces such as Club Q and Pulse have created fear and trauma in LGBTQIA+ communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, protests and demonstrations targeting drag shows and drag performers have increased dramatically over the last several years, with such protests being held in several locations in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, there has been a sharp increase in anti-LGBTQ+ legislation across the country, with 233 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills filed in state legislatures across the country in January of this year alone; and

WHEREAS, a copycat version of Florida's "Don't Say Gay" bill has been filed in the NC Senate this session (SB49) which would prohibit discussion of LGBTQ+ identity in most elementary schools classrooms and forcibly out LGBTQIA+ students to their parents; and

WHEREAS, a bill has also been filed in the NC House this session (HB43) that would prohibit gender-affirming care including hormones, puberty blockers, and gender-affirming surgery for people under 18; and

WHEREAS, access to safe spaces at school and gender-affirming healthcare is critical for the mental and physical health of LGBTQIA+ people and teens in particular, who are four times more likely to consider suicide than their heterosexual peers; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill is committed to fostering an environment that values intersectional visibility and support for our LGBTQIA+ Artists, youth, staff and community members, and others. We recognize their remarkable bravery and authenticity, while also affirming the gender identity and gender expression of our LGBTQIA+ district and community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Town Council affirms the full civil and human rights of our LGBTQIA+ community members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we condemn all violence and hatred against LGBTQIA+ people, LGBTQIA+ spaces, and LGBTQIA+ events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand in opposition to HB43, SB49, and all legislation that erodes the safety, health, civil rights, and/or bodily autonomy of LGBTQIA+ people, including minors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to our North Carolina General Assembly delegation and the Leadership of both Chambers.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.