

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

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Prohibiting City-funded travel to the State of Indiana and reaffirming the City's commitment to champion civil rights and equity.

Whereas, the Indiana State Legislature passed and Indiana Governor Mark Pence signed into law Senate Enrolled Act No. 101, titled as the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act"; and

Whereas, Indiana's new statute provides individuals and any type of business, whether for-profit or non-profit, irrespective of its purpose, the right, based on religious belief, to discriminate against a person because of his or her sexual orientation or any other protected category; and

Whereas, Indiana's new statute is inconsistent with the work and values of the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor to promote equity, to end discrimination, to eliminate institutional racism and to advance social justice for the people of Minnesota; and

Whereas, Indiana's new statute expressly provides that Indiana's law does not provide a person a right to access the civil justice system if he or she is subjected to a discriminatory act as a result of its enactment; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is a welcoming, inclusive City that values the contributions and safety of all who live, work and visit the City and as an employer, the contributions and safety of all its employees; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is pleased to support Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard and the Indianapolis City-County Council who have called upon Governor Pence and the Indiana General Assembly either to repeal the discriminatory law or to enact state-wide legal protections for LGBT people;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis City Council hereby affirms the City's commitment to civil rights and ensuring equity for all people in Minneapolis and beyond and bans all publicly-funded City employee travel to the State of Indiana in light of the passage of that state's new statute for so long as that statute shall remain in effect.