RESOLUTION of the MINNEAPOLIS COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

In Support of the Minnesota State High School Leagues' Proposed Policy titled "Participation in MSHSL Activities by Transgender Student Athletes"

Whereas, Transgender people in Minneapolis face high levels of discrimination and violence because of prejudice; and

Whereas, Transgender youth are often bullied, harassed and lose opportunities in school as a result of prejudice; and

Whereas, All students should be able to participate in school activities regardless of gender identity; and

Whereas, The City of Minneapolis has demonstrated through adopted policies its commitment to providing a safe and supportive environment for all residents, especially our children; and

Whereas, The Commission on Civil Rights seeks to prevent and eliminate bias and discrimination in all forms; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,

The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights and City of Minneapolis Transgender Issues Workgroup publicly supports the Minnesota State High School League's (MSHSL) proposed policy on transgender student athlete participation in MSHSL activities in its current form (dated 10/2/14) and encourages all residents of Minneapolis to do the same.

Passed November 17, 2014

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