

Whereas the Federal Department of Education in association with the Federal Department of Justice issued a “Dear Colleague” directive on May 13, 2016 claiming that school districts must adopt policies consistent with federal guidelines or risk the loss of federal funding due to presumed non-compliance with Title IX

Whereas Title IX makes no reference to “gender identity” as asserted by the Department of Justice

Whereas the Department of Education and Department of Justice have no Constitutional Authority to assert policy directives on behalf of the Federal Government to educational institutions within the states

Whereas the Department of Education and Department of Justice have no Constitutional Authority to change the language of Title IX without the passage of applicable legislation by the Congress

Whereas, all legislative power granted to the federal government is vested in Congress

Whereas federal courts such as the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals have sought to amend Title IX without the authority to do so.

Whereas the Michigan State Board of Education has issued a proposed Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Policy that they state would result in a safe and supportive environment for LGBTQ community members

Whereas there is a significant body of evidence to suggest that the promotion of the LGBTQ lifestyle leads to a higher risk of contracting AIDS, shorter lifespans, and higher suicide rates

Whereas outrage related to the proposed Michigan State Board of Education LGBTQ Policy Guidelines resulted in 12,481 online comments featuring overwhelming opposition to the policy

Whereas the May 10, 2016 Michigan State Board of Education meeting was attended by 356 citizens from all parts of the state, the majority of whom were in opposition to the policy

Whereas anti-bullying policies for each school district are already required in MCL 380.1310b

Whereas the _____ school district already has adopted anti-bullying policy guidelines

Resolved, We affirm the right of all students and faculty to study and work in a safe and supportive environment

Resolved, We as duly elected members of our School Board wish to affirm our duty to foster a safe and supportive environment for all of our students by rejecting the proposed MI State Board of Education LGBTQ Guidelines.