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Whereas, gender identity exists on a spectrum that includes transgender, gender expansive, non-binary, agender, and genderqueer individuals, and;

Whereas, transgender and gender expansive individuals face higher rates of harassment, violence, and self-harm than cisgender people, and;

Whereas, the Trump Administration desires to define gender as binary male and female, determined by the genitalia at birth, and unchangeable, and;

Whereas, this policy would strip civil right from American citizens, and;

Whereas the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, and Education plan to adopt this discriminatory practice, and;

Whereas, the federal government is attempting to re-introduce inequality in the gender spectrum by erasing transgender and gender expansive individuals, and;

Whereas, the cruel, unscientific, and immoral proposal to define transgender and gender expansive people out of existence will cause unspeakable harm, including the denial of basic civil rights and basic medical care, and;

Whereas, a government by and for the people must stand with its people, not delegitimize, discriminate, and assault various groups of them, and;

Whereas, the proposed language of the federal government will do real and actual harm to Americans, and;

Whereas, Pittsburgh stands firmly with transgender, agender, genderqueer, non-binary, and all gender expansive individuals who enrich the quality of our lives and communities, and without whom Pittsburgh would be incomplete, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby denounces the federal government's proposal to erase transgender, non-binary, gender expansive and genderqueer individuals from existence, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council calls on Congress to ensure equal protection under the law for all individuals, including the basic need to acknowledge and respect people of all gender identities, and denounces the Trump Administration's attacks on the rights and humanity of transgender people.