

# DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

## Platform Committee

10/15/2018

### RESOLUTION 2018.10

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

*Relating to Disenfranchisement and Eradication of Transgender, Intersex,*

*& Non-Binary Persons*

**WHEREAS**, The Trump administration's Evangelical Advisory Board in partnership with and/or in addition to the Heritage Foundation, the Federalist Society, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Alliance Defending Freedom, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Paul McHugh, Lawrence Mayer, and other anti-transgender groups and persons have been enabled by Trump and others to attack transgender rights and personhood; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon taking office, the Trump administration began officially revoking Obama-era guidance on protecting trans students in federally funded schools, deeming it *federal overreach*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Trump administration has labored to ban transgender people from serving in the military, reversing transgender protections gained under earlier administrations, including rescinding a memo protecting trans workers and stripping protections for transgender prisoners. It has also adversely affected transgender persons healthcare, especially reproductive health needs of transgender persons; and,

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Transgender Equality has identified at least 30 major anti-transgender and anti-LGBTQ+ actions implemented or attempted by the Trump administration; and,

**WHEREAS**, U.S. officials at the United Nations are allegedly pressuring the U.N.'s Third

Committee, which focuses on “social, humanitarian and cultural” rights, to revise statements that include what they view as vague and politically correct language, removing references to the word “gender” from documents on human rights as the Trump administration works to eliminate definitions giving credence to the existence of transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals.

**WHEREAS**, the Trump administration's redefinition of gender as depending on one's assigned sex at birth implicitly denies the very existence of intersex persons. The Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) states:

*““ Intersex” is a general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't seem to fit the typical definitions of female or male. For example, a person might be born appearing to be female on the outside but having mostly male-typical anatomy on the inside. Or a person may be born with genitals that seem to be in-between the usual male and female types—for example, a girl may be born with a noticeably large clitoris, or lacking a vaginal opening, or a boy may be born with a notably small penis, or with a scrotum that is divided so that it has formed more like labia. Or a person may be born with mosaic genetics, so that some of her cells have XX chromosomes and some of them have XY.*

*“Though we speak of intersex as an inborn condition, intersex anatomy doesn't always show up at birth. Sometimes a person isn't found to have intersex anatomy until she or he reaches the age of puberty, or finds himself an infertile, or dies of old age and is autopsied. Some people live and die with intersex anatomy without anyone (including themselves) ever knowing.””*

**WHEREAS**, the attempts by the Trump administration to render transgender, intersex, and non-binary persons out of existence tends to deny the existence of said persons, leaving them without any Constitutional, civil, or human rights, and leaving them more vulnerable to violence, sometimes ending in death.

**WHEREAS**, following the release of a Trump administration memo arguing that transgender persons don't exist, calls to a transgender suicide hotline have multiplied. In the days following the memo's release, the Trans Lifeline, the only suicide hotline for

trans people operated by trans people, received four times the average number of calls and two times the regular volume

**THEREFORE**, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

**SECTION 1:** that the Democratic Party of Lane County commits to legislation protecting and defending the rights, safety, health, welfare, and existence of all transgender, intersex, and non-binary residents of, and visitors to, Oregon; and,

**SECTION 2:** that no person, church, religion, political organization, legislator(s) business, corporate entity, or private entity has the right to abrogate the rights of transgender, intersex, and non-binary persons or to deny their existence; and,

**SECTION 3:** that we strongly urge legislators to take swift action and turn DPO Resolution 2018-003 Regarding Faith-based Discrimination Against LGBTQ+ Community into legislation and law.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,  
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, November 15, 2018**