

RESOLUTION

Robert MillarBoard President

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Nicole Mace Board Member WHEREAS, the Winooski community demands explicit and updated stances that are responsive to the attacks on our community and aligned with our stated commitments to equity and antiracism; and

WHEREAS, transgender people exist, and this existence is as old as humanity itself; and

WHEREAS, members of the Queer community, particularly transgender youth, are disproportionately victims of violence in the United States, and this danger has been augmented exponentially at a rapid pace through the constant attacks and misinformation stemming from the highest office; and

WHEREAS, our Ends Statement cannot be advanced when some in our care are dehumanized, threatened, and used for political opportunism; and

WHEREAS, new Executive Orders advance violent language rooted in hateful prejudice that attempts to scare and erase; and

WHEREAS, transgender people are entitled to the dignity and respect that every human being deserves.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Winooski School District will continue to be a safe and inviting space to students, staff, caregivers, and community members who are transgender, non-binary, or gender non-conforming; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Winooski School District reaffirms its commitment to protecting the well-being of all members of our community through our policies, procedures, practices, and visible stances today and into the future. The WSD will resist in all possible legal ways, any attempt by external forces to erase the existence, value, and pride of transgender pupils and adults, and will defend with all strength our children's right to exist and learn free from intimidation.

This resolution is adopted unanimously by this board on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.