

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. R20-05 CMS

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OBERLIN CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6 TO REMOVE THE DEADLINE FOR STATE RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT CURRENTLY BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin is and always has been in support of all forms of equality; and,

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment was a constitutional amendment intended to ensure equality for women and men in all areas of society but fell short by three of the necessary states required for ratification before its deadline of 1982; and

WHEREAS, in the last two years, the final three states necessary have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on February 13th, 2020, the members of the House of Representatives passed House Joint Resolution 79 ("H.J.Res. 79") approving the removal of the deadline; and

WHEREAS, pending before the United States Judiciary Committee is Senate Joint Resolution 6, ("S.J.Res. 6"), which if passed would, like H.J. Res. 79, remove the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the passage of S.J. Res. 79 would clear the way for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, making for a long-overdue constitutional amendment to ensure that all Americans are equally protected under the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Oberlin's Girl Scout Troop 50439, in pursuit of equality for all people, brought this Resolution to the attention of Council;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby expresses its support for the passage of S.J.Res.6 as introduced in the United States Senate on January 25, 2019, and its celebration of the passage of the identical resolution in the House of Representatives, passed on February 13, 2020.

SECTION 2. That this Council calls upon Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman to support S.J.Res.6 through co-sponsorship, bringing it to the Senate floor for a vote, and their own votes in favor of the Resolution.

SECTION 3: That this Council hereby authorizes and directs the Clerk of Council to forward a copy of this Resolution to the offices of Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman and to Julie E. Adams, Secretary of the United States Senate.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such

formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


SECTION 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, to wit: **“to authorize a resolution indicating the support of Oberlin City Council on a matter of great importance to the City in a timely manner and during the pendency of hearings on S.J.Res.6 as introduced in the United States Senate on January 25, 2019”** and provided that it is elevated to emergency status by the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council and receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council upon final passage, it shall go into full force and effect from and immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law..

PASSED: 1st Reading: July 6, 2020 (E)
2nd Reading: _____
3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



LINDA SLOCUM
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 07/07/2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/06/2020