

**RESOLUTION No. 37203 As Amended**

Declare City Council opposition to Mississippi's so-called "Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act", and temporarily suspend the authorization of using any city funds for travel by city employees to the State of Mississippi (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature has passed legislation, and Governor Phil Bryant has signed into law, an act entitled the "Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act" which purports to protect individuals, businesses and organizations, should they, based on their religious beliefs, discriminate against LGBTQ individuals; and

WHEREAS, at a time when cities, through inclusion and innovation, are leading the way on so many issues, it's disheartening and frustrating to see significant achievements on individual rights pushed backward; and

WHEREAS, the work of cities today is to ensure a shared prosperity, in which every member of society has access to a fair wage, laws like Mississippi's so-called "Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act" law sets back those efforts by further dividing communities; and

WHEREAS, Portland has a long history of recognizing that discriminatory practices only serve to weaken communities and tear holes in the fabric of our city;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council stands with the citizens of Mississippi and throughout America in opposing the so-called "Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Council directs that any authorization of expenditures of City funds for city employee travel to the State of Mississippi on City work time be temporarily suspended until such a time that the so-called "Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act" has been repealed or overturned; and,

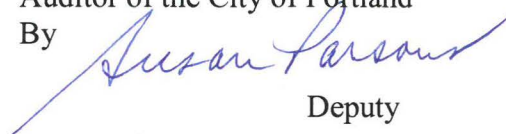
BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED; the Council calls on civic and business leaders throughout Portland, who have long been stalwart supporters for LGBTQ rights and against discrimination of any kind, to join the Council in standing against discrimination.

Adopted by the Council: APR 13 2016

Mayor Hales  
Prepared by: Rachael Wiggins  
Date Prepared: 04/06/2016

**Mary Hull Caballero**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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Deputy

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<b>INTRODUCED BY</b> Commissioner/Auditor:	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>APR 07 2016</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b>	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland
Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales <i>Ca H</i>	By: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Deputy
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>Armadillo</i>	
Position 2/Works - Fish <i>SUSANF</i>	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman <i>[Signature]</i>	
Position 4/Safety - Novick <i>[Signature]</i>	
<b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN:</b> APR 13 2016 <i>RESCHEDULED TO APR 13 2016 2 P.M</i>
Bureau: Mayor's Office	
Prepared by: Rachael Wiggins Date Prepared: 4/6/2016	
Financial Impact Statement & Public Involvement Statement	
Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date <b>April 13, 2016</b>	

**AGENDA**

**TIME CERTAIN**   
Start time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount of time needed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

**CONSENT**

**REGULAR**   
**Total amount of time needed: 10 min**  
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish <i>SUSANF</i>	✓	
3. Saltzman <i>[Signature]</i>	✓	
4. Novick <i>[Signature]</i>	✓	
Hales <i>Ca H</i>	✓	