

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BURBANK AND THE BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN SUPPORT OF THE RIGHTS AND INCLUSION OF THE LGTBQ COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Burbank and the Burbank Unified School District serve the residents of Burbank as government agencies charged by the public with separate but equally important roles in the maintenance and development of the core services necessary for a modern society to thrive, and

WHEREAS, the City and the District are home to diverse constituencies comprised of members of various ethnic communities, faith traditions, social customs, sexual orientations, identities, and abilities, creating a patchwork populous whose diversity, creativity and talent empowers our community's progress and shapes the ever-changing identity of the Media Capital of the World, and

WHEREAS, Burbank is home to many members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) Community, a community nationality recognized as a subgroup disproportionately targeted by acts of hate and violence, and

WHEREAS, laws enshrining equal access to employment, housing, and public facilities, as well as laws which prescribe new educational standards specific to the LGBTQ+ community, in health and history curriculum, triggering a rise in anti-LGBTQ+ hate speech and threats to those executing those laws, along with allies and members of the LGBTQ community, and

WHEREAS, the national rise in acts of hate and violence has included incidents in Burbank's own backyard, including anti LGBTQ+ rhetoric during public comment at Burbank Unified School Board meetings, the burning of a Pride Flag flown at Satcoy Elementary School in Los Angeles, and the attempted disruption of the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education meeting by hundreds of anti-LGBTQ protesters, leading law enforcement to take serious measures in order to protect district officials and meeting participants as they considered a resolution recognizing Pride Month, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of each generation of community leaders to commit themselves to the principles of Democracy and to protect the rights of minority groups and populations who deserve equal protection by the law and government, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the elected leaders of the City of Burbank and the Burbank Unified School District, charged with the duty to preserve public safety and safe learning environments for all, respectively, stand in solidarity with members of the LGBTQ+ community and commit to the consideration and enactment of policies which will promote inclusion and combat acts of hate and violence perpetrated against allies and members of the LGBTQ Community, taking Burbank to closer to what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called "the Beloved Community"—a community absent of poverty, hunger and hate.

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**The Honorable Nick Schultz
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BURBANK**

**The Honorable Emily Weisberg
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**