

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITIES FOR CEDAW INITIATIVE BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL AND SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL CITIES PASSING RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

SPONSORS: Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18 1979, became an international treaty as of September 3, 1981, and 187 UN member nations, have agreed to be bound by CEDAW's provisions; and

WHEREAS, Although women have made gains in the struggle for equality in many fields, much more needs to be accomplished to fully eradicate discrimination based on gender and to achieve one of the most basic human rights, equality; and

WHEREAS, Louisville, Kentucky, is the largest International Compassionate City in the USA, and with knowledge that girls and women make up 52% of Louisville Metro's population, and with a desire to ensure these women and girls who live in Louisville Metro enjoy all the rights and privileges and remedies that are bestowed on all people in the US, no matter race, national origin, gender or religious belief, and with a purpose to claim worldwide that Louisville, Kentucky is a city within which women can thrive and a city that will not tolerate discrimination against women and girls or violence perpetrated against them in any form, by any hand; and

WHEREAS, CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for governments to examine their policies and practices in relation to women and girls and to rectify discrimination based on gender; and

WHEREAS, City and County governments have an appropriate and legitimate role affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in communities as universal norms and to serve as guides for public policy; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Louisville Metro Government is committed to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, to promoting the health and safety of women and girls, and to affording them equal academic, economic and business opportunities in Louisville, Kentucky.

SECTION II. A resolution is the first step toward adopting a future ordinance that would call for: a gender analysis of all Louisville Metro departments and commissions; the designation of an oversight body; and resources to support these actions.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and approval.