MIDVALE CITY, UTAH
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R-30

A RESOLUTION PROTECTING MINORS FROM CONVERSION THERAPY

WHEREAS, according to the nation’s leading medical and mental health organizations, the term “conversion therapy” refers to any practice or treatment that seeks to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of a patient or client; and

WHEREAS, these practices and treatments, which are also known as “reparative therapy,” “sexual orientation change efforts,” or “gender identity change efforts,” include practices or treatments that seek to change, eliminate, or reduce behaviors, expressions, attractions, or feelings related to a client’s or patient’s sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, conversion therapy has been associated with high rates of depression and suicidality among minors; and

WHEREAS, conversion therapy has been disavowed by the nation’s leading medical and mental health organizations, including but not limited to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychoanalytic Association, the National Association of Social Workers, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, the American Counseling Association, and the American School Counselor Association; and

WHEREAS, Midvale City Council desires to support actions that it feels is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, Midvale City Council joins with community partners and medical and mental health professionals in seeking solutions to reduce rates of depression and suicidality impacting our community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah as a responsibility to protect minors from the harms inflicted by conversion therapy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Midvale City urges the Utah State Legislature and the Governor of the State of Utah to adopt a statute that protects minors from conversion therapy by prohibiting licensed mental health therapists from subjecting minors to these harmful and discredited practices, and that a signed copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Utah, the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, the President of the Utah Senate, and all members of the Utah State Legislature who represent any constituents that reside in Midvale City.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of July, 2019.

[Signature]
Robert Hale, Mayor
Voting by the City Council | “Aye” | “Nay”
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Bryant Brown | ✓ | 
Dustin Gettel | ✓ | 
Paul Glover | ✓ | 
Paul Hunt | ✓ | 
Quinn Sperry | ✓ | 

ATTEST:
Rori L. Andreason, MMC
City Recorder