

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REPEAL SENATE ENROLLED ACT 101, ALSO KNOWN AS THE “RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT”.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evansville, Indiana, is committed to protect the rights of all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation, race, gender identification, ethnicity, religion, or creed; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Enrolled Act 101, also known as the “Religious Freedom Restoration Act” (RFRA), could allow businesses to discriminate; and

**WHEREAS**, local and national businesses, organizations, and faith groups, large and small, and Evansville residents oppose RFRA as it makes Indiana less welcoming and less competitive in recruiting and retaining talented employees; and

**WHEREAS**, major conventions and major employers may leave Evansville, creating a substantial negative impact to the City of Evansville and State of Indiana.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the COMMON COUNCIL OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The City of Evansville, Indiana, is opposed to the recent passage of RFRA as it is not a true representation of our City as a welcoming and inclusive place, and is bad for local businesses, will reduce tourism revenue, and makes companies less competitive in recruiting and retaining top talent.

SECTION 2. The Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, encourages the Indiana State Legislature to repeal Senate Enrolled Act 101, also known as the “Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA)”.

SECTION 3. The Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Indiana, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Assembly members representing Southern Indiana, and other legislative leaders as deemed appropriate.

SECTION 4. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto..

PASSED BY, the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, on the 13 day of April, 2015.

**FILED**

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*Jana Widner*  
CITY CLERK

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and signing by the Mayor.



Dr. H. Dan Adams, President of the Common Council, City of Evansville, Indiana

ATTEST: Laura Windhorst  
Laura Windhorst, City Clerk

Presented by me, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Evansville, Indiana, to the Mayor of Evansville this 14 day of April, 2015, at 10 o'clock A.m. for his consideration and action thereon.

Laura Windhorst  
Laura Windhorst, City Clerk  
City of Evansville, Indiana

Having examined the foregoing resolution, I do now, as Mayor of the City of Evansville, Indiana, approve said resolution and return the same to the City Clerk this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, at 9:30 o'clock A.m.

Lloyd Winnecke  
Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor  
City of Evansville, Indiana