

Civil Rights for Transsexual, Transgender and Gender-Variant New Yorkers

WHEREAS, persons who have or express a gender identity or expression that is different from that conventionally associated with the cultural normatives of the sex assigned to those persons at birth do not have New York State legal protections in connection with employment, housing, public accommodations, education, credit, property, inheritance, medical care and other areas; and

WHEREAS, as a result such individuals often experience both overt and covert discrimination that leads to, among other issues, discrimination or denial in employment, housing, public accommodations, education, credit, property, inheritance, medical care and other areas; and

WHEREAS, thirteen (13) states and the District of Columbia as well as ninety-one (91) counties and cities within the State of New York, including, among others, the City of New York, Suffolk County, Tompkins county and the cities of Rochester, Buffalo, Ithaca, have led the way through passage of comprehensive measures protecting fundamental civil rights and protections for persons who have or express a gender identity or expression that is different; and

WHEREAS, the Empire State Pride Agenda (ESPA) and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), as well as many other leading civil rights organizations fully support the passage of such legislation on both a state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this State should prohibit discrimination against persons who are transsexual, transgender or gender-different; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Democratic Party has historically been at the forefront of the struggle for the equal treatment and civil rights of all people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Democratic Party supports legislation which would insure that the full civil rights of transsexual, transgender and gender-different people in the state of New York, including the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA).

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