

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST,
FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 1475 AND SENATE BILL 2012
OF THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BANNING
TRANSGENDER STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING
IN ATHLETICS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinecrest prides itself on being welcoming, affirming, and inclusive for all residents, including all members of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the transgender community is recognized as a valued, important segment of the community entitled to equal treatment in all facets of life; and

WHEREAS, transgender youth are among the most misunderstood and marginalized within the community; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1475 and Senate Bill 2012 have been introduced during the 2021 Session of the Florida Legislature to completely or effectively ban transgender athletes from participating in sports; and

WHEREAS, similar legislation excluding or curtailing the rights of the transgender community has been filed in at least 25 other states as part of a coordinated campaign; and

WHEREAS, participating in sports provides critical life lessons like teamwork, dedication and leadership that should be available to all youth, including transgender youth; and

WHEREAS, the Florida High School Athletic Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) have existing policies in place regarding gender identity and participation in sports for nearly a decade, and no formal complaints have been identified under those existing policies; and

WHEREAS, a federal judge has already halted implementation of transgender sports ban legislation due to its likely constitutionality; and

WHEREAS, adopting legislation curtailing the rights of the transgender community has previously lead to millions of dollars of economic losses, including from NCAA tournament relocations and boycotts; and

WHEREAS, businesses with strong diversity and inclusion commitments, particularly in the sports and hospitality industry, may be forced to locate events outside the state to align with their values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Village Council strongly opposes House Bill 1475 and Senate Bill 2012 or similar legislation that would bar transgender students from playing sports.

Section 2. That the Village Clerk shall transmit a copy of the resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and the Village's representatives in the Florida Legislature.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2021.

Joseph M. Corradino, Mayor

Attest:

Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC
Village Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Mitchell Bierman
Village Attorney

Motion by:
Second by:

Vote: