

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW) BY THE CITY OF RAPID CITY**

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an international treaty as of September 3, 1981, and 189 UN member nations of out 194 have agreed to be bound by CEDAW's provisions; and

WHEREAS, CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for the public and private sectors to examine their policies and practices in relation to women and girls, specifically in relation to gender discrimination; and

WHEREAS, local governments have an appropriate and legitimate role in affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and girls in their communities by applying the universal norms and guidelines as specified by CEDAW; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen existing local mechanisms, institutions and procedures and to provide adequate resources, commitment and authority to (1) advise on the impact of local government policies on women and girls; (2) comprehensively monitor the situation of women and girls in recognition of the interconnectedness of discrimination based on gender, race and other social criteria; and (3) help formulate new policies and ways to effectively carry out strategies and measures to eliminate discrimination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Rapid City supports the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Coalition and the efforts brought forth by Democracy in Action (DIA), with support of other local organizations, to bring light to this item; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Rapid City 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 Rapid City, South Dakota.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2018 by the City of Rapid City.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2018.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Attest

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Mayor

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Finance Officer (seal)