

STATE OF GEORGIA  
HENRY COUNTY  
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. R20-1177

**SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 426**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, hate crimes across the United States rose by 17 percent in 2017 and remained at heightened levels in 2018 with more than 7,120 incidents reported; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia is one of only four states in the United States that does not have any laws on hate crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 426, "Hate Crimes Bill" passed the Georgia House Representatives on March 7, 2019 and is awaiting consideration by the Judiciary Committee in the Georgia Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 426 provides penalties for a person convicted of a crime who intentionally selected any victim or group of victims or any property as the object of the offense because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, mental disability, or physical disability of such victim or group of victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Stockbridge desires to promote the safe and quiet enjoyment of all residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Stockbridge, the Mayor and Council of the City of Stockbridge desires to express to the Georgia General Assembly its support for House Bill 426,

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE HEREBY RESOLVES:

**SECTION 1. Expression of Support for House Bill 426.** The City of Stockbridge expresses its support for passage of House Bill 426.

**SECTION 2. Public Record.** This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Stockbridge. A copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to members of the Stockbridge legislative delegation and made available for distribution to the public and the press.

**SECTION 3. Authorization of Execution.** The Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

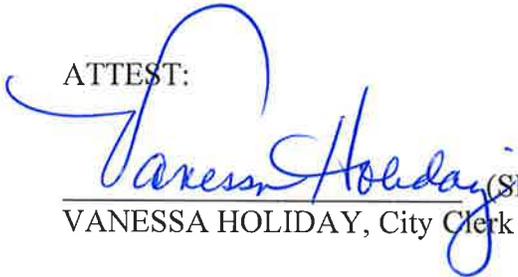
**SECTION 4. Attestation.** The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Stockbridge as provided in the City Charter.

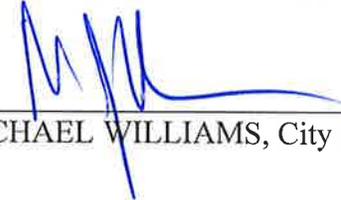
SO RESOLVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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ANTHONY S. FORD, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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VANESSA HOLIDAY, City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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MICHAEL WILLIAMS, City Attorney