

1 on sexual orientation and sexuality, increase family and school support and reduce
2 rejection of sexual minority youth; and

3 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in 2012
4 published a statement in its journal that, “[g]iven that there is no evidence that efforts to
5 alter sexual orientation are effective, beneficial or necessary, and the possibility that they
6 carry the risk of significant harm, such interventions are contradicted”; and

7 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical
8 Association Council on Scientific Affairs, the National Association of Social Workers,
9 the American Counseling Association Governing Council, and the American
10 Psychoanalytic Association each have asserted in reports or position statements that
11 sexual orientation change efforts, including reparative therapy or conversation therapy,
12 are not recommended and may be harmful; and

13 WHEREAS, the Pan American Health Organization issued a statement in 2012
14 that “[t]hese supposed conversion therapies constitute a violation of the ethical
15 principles of healthcare and violate human rights that are protected by international and
16 regional agreements”; and

17 WHEREAS, the Village of Biscayne Park has a compelling interest in protecting
18 the physical and psychological wellbeing of all of its adult and minor residents,
19 including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth, and in protecting its
20 minors against exposure to serious harms caused by sexual orientation change efforts;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Village Commission to prohibit within the
23 geographic boundaries of the Village the use of sexual orientation or gender identity
24 change efforts with minors, including reparative and conversation therapy, which have

1 been demonstrated to be harmful to the physical and psychological wellbeing of lesbian,
2 gay, bisexual and transgender persons;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION
4 OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAVNE PARK, FLORIDA, that

5 **Section 1.** The forgoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and
6 confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this
7 Resolution upon adoption.

8 **Section 2.** The Village Commission hereby recognizes that the use of sexual
9 orientation or gender identity change efforts with minors, including reparation and
10 conversion therapy, can be harmful to minors.

11 **Section 3.** The Village Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this resolution to
12 the Governor of Florida, President of the Florida Senate, Speaker of the Florida House
13 of Representatives and the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

14 **Section 4.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

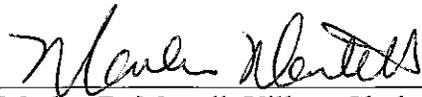
15 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2017.

16 **The foregoing resolution upon being put to a**
17 **vote, the vote was as follows:**

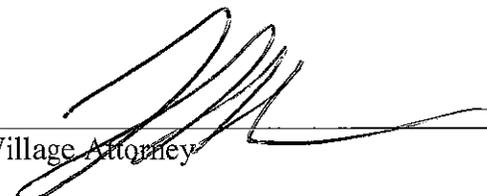
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19 _____
20 Tracy Truppman, Mayor

21 Mayor Truppman: Yes
22 Vice Mayor Ross: Yes
23 Commissioner Bilt: Absent
24 Commissioner Johnson-Sardella: Yes
25 Commissioner Tudor: Yes

26 Attest:

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28 _____
29 Marlen D. Martell, Village Clerk

30 Approved as to form:

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33 Village Attorney
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