

PROPOSED

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE PROHIBITION OF CONVERSION THERAPY ON MINORS; REPEALING SECTIONS 16½-166 THROUGH 16½-169 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners)

WHEREAS, Sections 16½-166 through 16½-169 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, prohibiting conversion therapy on minors, were intended to protect the physical and psychological well-being of minors, including, but not limited to, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, and gender-questioning youth; and

WHEREAS, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals has found a similar local ordinance unconstitutional and recently denied rehearing en banc,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Sections 16½-166 through 16½-169 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 2. Severability.

If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance. If any court determines that this Ordinance, in whole or in part, cannot be

legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such determination will not affect the applicability of this Ordinance to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

Section 3. Inclusion in the Broward County Code of Ordinances.

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance become part of the Broward County Code of Ordinances as of the effective date. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase to the extent necessary in order to accomplish such intention.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance is effective as of the date provided by law.

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FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
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