

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
OCEANSIDE IN SUPPORT OF TRANSGENDER MILITARY  
PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, historical evidence shows that transgender people have served bravely and honorably in the U.S. military since the American Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in May 2014 the Williams Institute estimated there were 15,500 transgender people serving on active duty or in the Guard/Reserves, and an additional 134,300 transgender people were either veterans or retired from the Guard/Reserves; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 2015 the American Medical Association announced there was “no medically valid reason to exclude transgender individuals from service in the U.S. military,” approving a resolution against a ban; and

WHEREAS, in July 2015 United States Secretary of Defense Dr. Ash Carter ordered the creation of a Pentagon working group “to study over the next six months the policy and readiness implications of welcoming transgender persons to serve openly”; and

WHEREAS on June 30, 2016, Secretary Ash Carter officially announced effective immediately that no otherwise qualified Service Member may be involuntarily separated, discharged or denied reenlistment or continuation of service, solely on the basis of their gender identity, laying the groundwork for training, education and guidance materials and implementation of plans by each branch of the military to welcome transgender personnel into service; and

WHEREAS on July 26, 2017, the President’s announcement that transgender people should no longer be allowed to serve in any capacity in the U.S. military was followed by

1 protests throughout the country and a letter signed by 56 retired generals and admirals opposing  
2 a ban on transgender military service members, stating that if implemented the ban would  
3 “cause significant disruptions, deprive the military of mission-critical talent and compromise  
4 the integrity of transgender troops”; and

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6 WHEREAS, four separate federal lawsuits challenging the imposition of a ban were  
7 filed, and a preliminary injunction against a ban was granted in part or in full on October 30<sup>th</sup>,  
8 November 21<sup>st</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and December 22<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, based on the Equal Protection  
9 Clause of the U.S. Constitution; and

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11 WHEREAS on December 8, 2017, the Pentagon issued guidelines to recruitment  
12 personnel in order to enlist transgender applicants by January 1, 2018; and

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14 WHEREAS, on or about December 30<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Justice withdrew its legal  
15 challenges to the federal court rulings, paving the way for transgender people to openly enlist in  
16 the U.S. military beginning on January 1, 2018; and

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18 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside prides itself on its historical commitment to our  
19 Military, Military Families and Veterans, especially due to its proximity to Camp Pendleton  
20 established in 1942, and on the diversity of its citizens.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

2 SECTION 1. The City of Oceanside hereby supports the implementation of plans by  
3 each branch of our U.S. Military to welcome transgender people into service and defense of our  
4 Country.

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6 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,  
7 this 10th day of January, 2018, by the following vote:

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9 AYES:

10 NAYS:

11 ABSENT:

12 ABSTAIN:

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14 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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16 ATTEST:

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Clerk

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City Attorney

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