

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EQUALITY FOR ALL CITIZENS OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson believes that diversity is a critical component of a thriving, successful city and that a commitment to diversity strengthens communities, deepens bonds between neighbors, and underlies the welcoming environment that makes Jackson a wonderful place to live and work; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson believes that diversity supports economic competitiveness and facilitates job growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson believes that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, sexual orientation, familial status, veteran's status, disability, and source of income should not occur in our world today.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Jackson declares it the public policy of the City to respect the inherent worth of every person, without regard to a person's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, sexual orientation, familial status, veteran's status, disability, or source of income.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Jackson further resolves that discrimination against a person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, sexual orientation, familial status, veteran's status, disability, or source of income will not be tolerated as a matter of public policy of the City.