

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8631

A resolution of the Missoula City Council to repeal resolution number 7801 entitled “A resolution of the Missoula City Council expressing support for the Human Rights Campaign’s important work and authorizing the creation of a Domestic Partnership Registry”.

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), founded in 1980, has become the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Americans; and

WHEREAS, Missoula has a progressive history of inclusivity towards the LGBT population and LGBT employees and wishes to be a leader within the State of Montana and set a positive example for other communities to follow; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 HRC announced the Municipal Equality Index (MEI) which is the first nationwide evaluation of municipal laws affecting the LGBT community and examines the laws, policies, and services of municipalities from every state in the country and rates them on the basis of their inclusivity of LGBT people who live and work in those cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula on June 24, 2013 adopted a Resolution expressing the City’s commitment to and active participation in achieving the highest score possible on the Municipal Equality Index; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a voluntary domestic partnership registry was a criteria to be considered in the Municipal Equality Index; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015 the United State Supreme Court declared same-sex marriage legal in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, since same-sex marriage became legal, the domestic registry partnership has evolved as a way for Montana residents (this program is available statewide) to declare their partnership and get a certificate they present to their employer to receive domestic partnership benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council wish to continue to recognize the mutual support, caring and commitment unmarried couples have in their relationships; and


Section 2. The City of Missoula shall modify the current Domestic Partnership Registry into two affidavits made available on the City of Missoula website, one to establish a domestic partnership and the other to dissolve a domestic partnership.

Section 3. The City Clerk office will no longer provide a certificate or maintain a registry.

Section 4. Couples currently included on the City of Missoula’s domestic partnership registry are still considered to be domestic partners unless they have dissolved their partnership. .

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of October, 2022.


ATTEST:


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