

RES 16-031

Wilmington, Delaware  
April 21, 2016

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**WHEREAS**, recent measures taken by some states to limit or preempt local authority, including the recently passed North Carolina House Bill 2 (HB2), present a threat to the principle of local control and are contrary to the ideal that inclusiveness is an essential pillar of strong cities; and

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately, the passage of HB2 was in reaction to the City of Charlotte's expansion of its anti-discrimination ordinance that included members of the LGBT community; and

**WHEREAS**, The National League of Cities, which represents the collective voice of 19,000 cities, towns and villages, stands united in the fight for the principles of local authority and condemns HB2 and similar actions taken by other state governments that restrict local authority; and

**WHEREAS**, limiting local authority inhibits locally elected leaders' responsibility to make decisions that are in the best interest of their residents and communities. The restrictions will further inhibit the ability to set wage levels that are reflective of the local cost of living, and impede the ability to promote the importance of immigrant inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, all cities must stand united in protecting our nation's founding principles of equality, and in preventing states from undermining the fundamental rights of local governments to determine their own destinies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that Wilmington City Council stands in agreement with the National League of Cities by encouraging all cities to stand united in support of local authority and inclusiveness in face of state actions to preempt local control.

Passed by City Council,  
April 21, 2016

Approved as to form this 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of April, 2016.

Attest: Maribel Seijo  
City Clerk

Danzy Shatnara  
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