

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2020

A RESOLUTION URGING THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REJECT HOUSE BILL 605 REGARDING ELECTIONS IN LOUISVILLE.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID JAMES

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, almost 300,000 Jefferson County residents voted on a proposal to create the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (“Louisville Metro”); and

WHEREAS, the plan presented to the voters in 2000 called for partisan races for the Offices of Mayor, the 26 members of Louisville Metro Council and the County Judge Executive; and

WHEREAS, with the filing of House Bill 605, Frankfort has chosen to ignore the wishes of the majority of Metro Louisville residents and order that these Louisville Metro elections be conducted on a non-partisan basis; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 605 has been filed without giving the residents of Louisville Metro an opportunity to vote on whether to hold partisan or non-partisan elections; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 605 singles out Louisville Metro in being forced to hold non-partisan elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (“THE COUNCIL”) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. The Council urges the Kentucky General Assembly to reject House Bill 605 and leave the question of how to conduct Louisville Metro elections to Louisville Metro voters.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

David James
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____

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