



# Louisville Metro Government

## Legislation Text

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### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2014

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITIES FOR THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW) INITIATIVE BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL AND SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL CITIES PASSING RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AT THE LOCAL LEVEL (As Amended).**

**SPONSORS:** Councilmembers Ward-Pugh, Scott, Shanklin, Woolridge, Tandy, Bryant Hamilton, James, Owen, Blackwell, Aubrey Welch, Fowler, Butler, Johnson, Flood, Yates, Ackerson, and President King

**WHEREAS**, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18 1979, and became an international treaty as of September 3, 1981, and 187 UN member nations, have agreed to be bound by CEDAW's provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, although women have made gains in the struggle for equality in many fields, much more needs to be accomplished to fully eradicate discrimination based on gender and to achieve one of the most basic human rights - equality; and

**WHEREAS**, Louisville, Kentucky, is the largest International Compassionate City in the USA, and with knowledge that girls and women make up 52% of Louisville Metro's population, and with a desire to ensure these women and girls who live in Louisville Metro enjoy all the rights and privileges and remedies that are bestowed on all people in the US, no matter race, national origin, gender or religious belief, and with a

purpose to claim worldwide that Louisville, Kentucky is a city within which women can thrive and a city that will not tolerate discrimination against women and girls or violence perpetrated against them in any form, by any hand; and

**WHEREAS**, CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for governments to examine their policies and practices in relation to women and girls and to rectify discrimination based on gender; and

**WHEREAS**, City and County governments have an appropriate and legitimate role affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in communities as universal norms and to serve as guides for public policy.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.** Louisville Metro Government is committed to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, to promoting the health and safety of women and girls, and to affording them equal academic, economic and business opportunities in Louisville, Kentucky.

**SECTION II.** This Resolution shall not be interpreted as a position in support of or opposition to any treaty, but only a Resolution supporting the eradication of all forms of discrimination against women and girls and promoting gender equality throughout Louisville Metro.

**SECTION III.** A resolution is the first step toward adopting a future ordinance that would call for a gender analysis of all Louisville Metro departments and commissions, the designation of an oversight body and resources to support these actions.

**SECTION IIIV:** This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and approval.

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Stephen Ott Metro Council Clerk

H. \_\_\_\_\_ Jim King  
President of the Council

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Fischer Mayor

Greg \_\_\_\_\_ Approval  
Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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