

# Resolution

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Council is legally charged with protection of the safety, health and welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, there are increasing assaults on those community standards which further the protection of the public's safety, health and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council believes that as the elected representatives of the citizens, it is selected in part to articulate and protect those community standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council believes it must not sit silently and watch those community standards be undermined; and

**WHEREAS**, gay rights issues have been a recent focus of policy decisions from the federal to state and local levels of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council desires to establish a public policy, which will be forwarded to appropriate elected officials on behalf of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Council makes the following findings of fact:

That the traditional family structure is in accord with those community standards; and

That this traditional lifestyle has been proven to be the primary and best method for fostering a positive development in children, and a support network for the elderly; and

That this family structure has provided the best mechanism for maintaining a lifestyle which leaves citizens independent of their government for support; and

That lifestyles advocated by the gay community should not be endorsed by government policy makers, because they are incompatible with the standards to which this community subscribes; and

That gay lifestyle units are directly contrary to state laws;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**


1. Greenville County openly and vigorously supports the current community standards and established state laws regarding gay lifestyles;
2. Greenville County Council pledges not to fund those activities which seek to contravene these existing community standards;

3. The County Council, as the policy making political body of the Greenville County community, seeks the support of other elected officials in protecting its standards;
4. The County Council believes that this policy will serve and protect the health, safety and welfare of its constituents; and

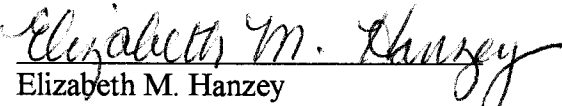
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Greenville County Council intends to send this message to policy makers of this country such that a previously silent voice will now be heard.

**DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 1996.**

  
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C. Wade Cleveland, Chairman  
Greenville County Council

  
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Gerald Seals  
County Administrator

ATTEST:

  
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Elizabeth M. Hanzey  
Clerk to Council