PASSED: May 8, 2017 BY: Wolf

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17

RESOLUTION COMMITTING AMBERLEY VILLAGE TO NON-DISCRIMINATION AND RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS OF DIVERSITY

WHEREAS, it is now widely recognized that there are tremendous benefits from a diverse population to a community;

WHEREAS, Amberley Village has seen increased diversity in its population over the past decades and has seen the benefits of this trend, and the Village Council wants to ensure that its policies and practices support this trend;

WHEREAS, municipal leaders have a significant role in promoting an environment of mutual respect amongst all of its residents and such an environment is critical to the success of the municipality;

WHEREAS, it is clearly time that everyone should oppose discrimination of any kind and truly embrace progress so that everyone can feel included as full members of our community;

WHEREAS, the Amberley Village Council believes that the most successful communities of the future will be those that are able to attract the most diverse and talented population to its community, and it is only through creating an environment where there is no discrimination will this be possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the council of Amberley Village, State of Ohio, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: The Village commits to working within and across our community to create an environment where discrimination of any kind including race; color; national or ethnic origin; age; religion; disability; sex; sexual orientation; gender and gender expression; gender identity including a transgender identity; genetics; and military status will not be tolerated.

SECTION 2: The Village commits to a review of, and update to, all of its laws, policies, and procedures to ensure that all such are in accordance with the principles of this resolution.

SECTION 3: The municipal leaders of Amberley Village commit to speak out whenever they become aware of cases where there are any acts of discrimination against anyone or group of people in our community.

SECTION 4: Amberley Village Council calls upon the leaders of the State of

Ohio to pass legislation that is inclusive of ALL citizens of the state, by including sexual orientation and gender identity in its definition of "protected class" of citizens.

Passed this 8th day of May, 2017.

Mayor Thomas C. Muething

Attest:

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Resolution Vote:

Moved: Wolf Second: Conway

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the _____ day of May 2017, the forgoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all of the places of public notice as designated by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council