## RESOLUTION NO. 26 SERIES 2017

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION OF THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an international treaty as of September 3, 1981, and 187 UN member nations out of 193 have agreed to be bound by CEDAW's provisions; and

WHEREAS, Women have made gains in the struggle for equality in many fields, the City of Louisville recognizes the need to accomplish more, to fully eradicate gender-based discrimination and to provide one of the most basic human rights, equality; and

WHEREAS, The City of Louisville, Colorado, well known for its blend of small town warmth, historic community, and named the best place to live in 2011; and knowing that 53.0% (10,658) of the total population of 20,112 are women, it will strive to ensure women and girls residing in Louisville enjoy all rights, privileges and remedies that are bestowed on all people in the USA regardless of race, national origin, gender, or religious beliefs; and with the purpose to claim worldwide that Louisville, Colorado is a city in which women can thrive; in a city that will not tolerate discrimination against women and girls, nor violence perpetrated against them in any form; and

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

WHEREAS, This city government has the appropriate and legitimate role of affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in communities, as universal norms and to serve as guides for public policy;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council that the City of Louisville does hereby commit 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, Colorado.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

By:

Robert P. Muckle, Mayor

Attest: Meredyth Muth,

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