



Resolution on Senate Bill 6, 85th Texas Legislature

Whereas, SB 6 requires school districts, charter schools, public institutions of higher education, counties, municipalities, special purpose districts or authorities, state agencies and junior college districts to adopt policies requiring individuals to use multiple-occupancy bathrooms and changing facilities based on their biological sex; and

Whereas, SB 6 preempts local ordinances allowing transgender individuals to use the multiple-occupancy bathroom or changing facility that corresponds to their gender identity; and

Whereas, SB 6 has attracted significant opposition from businesses, human rights activists, non-profit organizations, the tourism industry, and more; and

Whereas, SB 6 discriminates against, and undermines the civil rights of the transgender and LGBT community; and

Whereas, SB 6 would have a significant, negative economic impact on the state of Texas; and

Whereas, SB 6 is in conflict with the Texas Library Association's core values of diversity and inclusiveness; and

Whereas, The Texas Library Association represents a broad and diverse community, and believes policy decisions should be made at the local level to reflect local priorities and best serve the community; and

Whereas, The 7,000 member Texas Library Association will find it extremely difficult to attract grant funding and conduct business with national corporations, as well as extremely difficult and in many cases prohibitive to offer robust professional development and conferences (national speakers, exhibitors and authors); now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Texas Library Association does not support SB 6 because it conflicts with the association's core values of diversity and inclusiveness, preempts local control, and negatively impacts the Texas economy.

Adopted by the Texas Library Association Executive Board
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