

A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON PRESIDENT OBAMA TO ISSUE AN  
EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT WOULD PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN  
FEDERALLY- ASSISTED HOUSING ON THE BASIS OF  
SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR GENDER EXPRESSION  
Resolution No. 75/2008-09

Whereas, members of the LGBT community routinely face discrimination when seeking housing throughout the United States; and

Whereas, the federal government has regrettably not yet amended the Fair Housing Act to prohibit such discrimination; and

Whereas, there are more than four million units of federally-assisted housing in the United States; and

Whereas, the federal government has a special responsibility to make certain that such discrimination plays no role with respect to housing units that are federally assisted; and

Whereas, there is a long tradition of taking the initial step of prohibiting discrimination on the federal level by means of an Executive Order; and

Whereas, President Kennedy issued Executive Order 11063 prohibiting discrimination in federally assisted housing on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin saying that it was "neither proper nor equitable that Americans should be denied the benefits of housing owned by the Federal Government or financed through Federal assistance on the basis of their race, color, creed, or national origin"; and

Whereas, that Executive Order was subsequently amended to bar discrimination on the basis of gender or disability, or familial status; and

Whereas, the Board of Aldermen has a long history of asserting and advocating for full and equal rights and fair treatment for all; and

Whereas, the Board of Aldermen, recognizing that it is "neither proper nor equitable" for Americans to be denied housing on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression already seeks to prohibit such discrimination by local law; and

Whereas, President Obama stated in 2007 that, ""While we have come a long way since the Stonewall riots in 1969, we still have a lot of work to do. Too often, the issue of LGBT rights is exploited by those seeking to divide us. But at its core, this issue is about who we are as Americans. It's about whether this nation is going to live up to its founding promise of equality by treating all its citizens with dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen calls upon President Obama to issue an Executive Order that would prohibit discrimination in federally assisted housing on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.