



**CITY OF SPOKANE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

A resolution regarding approval of Referendum 90 and expressing the support of allowing Senate Bill 5395 to take effect, thereby requiring public schools to provide comprehensive sexual health education for all students and requiring students to be excused if requested by their parents.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission (the “Commission”) is dedicated to addressing issues related to human rights and unjust discrimination and the implementation of programs consistent with the needs of all residents of the City of Spokane; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed and the governor signed Senate Bill 5395 (SB 5395) in March 2020, requiring public schools to provide comprehensive sexual health education for all students and requiring students to be excused if requested by their parents; and

WHEREAS, proponents filed the referendum on March 13, 2020, submitted 266,000 signatures on June 10, 2020, and the secretary of state certified the measure for the ballot on June 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Commission believes that providing this information to our youth ensures they are receiving equitable access to education as it specifically relates to sexual health, safety and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that local school districts will be able to choose a curriculum within the parameters established by the legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that the legislation provides individuals with the ability to opt out of participating in the curriculum.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission hereby encourages residents of the City of Spokane to vote to approve Referendum 90 in the November 3, 2020 election.

Adopted by the Spokane Human Rights Commission on October 1st, 2020.

Lance Kissler
Chair, City of Spokane Human Rights Commission