



Friday, March 6, 2020

Statement on the effort to repeal the [1996 Greenville County Council anti-gay resolution](#).

FACT: The most healthy, thriving ecosystems are also the most diverse. Diversity is not something to be tolerated or simply accommodated. It is a gift. It is something that strengthens us.

This campaign wholeheartedly and unequivocally endorses the repeal of the 1996 Greenville County Council anti-gay resolution, which has been a consuming topic at County Council meetings since the beginning of the year.

And then, we need to go much further than that.

One of the most important pillars of our campaign is **INCLUSIVE ACTION**. Not just words, not just the repeal of words, but true and lasting policy change, real action that will move our community forward.

As one of the largest employers in the county, Greenville County Government should embody this value of diversity. Internal employee policies across all departments should be reviewed with an eye towards language and standards that encourage and ensure diversity and inclusion in county operations. The nature of representation on the 22 county-wide commissions and boards which govern and influence so many critical dimensions and services in our community need to be revisited for the same reason. In all ways possible, we need to ensure that the people at our governing decision-making tables are truly representative of our diverse community, particularly those that have been historically underrepresented.

In addition to supporting our campaign and the campaign of other candidates who stand for these same values, we encourage citizens to connect with and support the community groups who are successfully organizing around the important issues and needs of our LGBTQIA+ family in Greenville County and beyond.

- Upstate Pride SC - upstatepridesc.org
- Pride Link - pridelink.org
- Gender Benders - genderbenders.org
- Rainbow Support Group - rainbowsupportgroupsc.com
- Uplift Outreach Center - upliftoutreachcenter.org
- Greenville Gay Men's Chorus - [Facebook page](#)
- PFLAG Greenville SC - pflagupstatesc.org
- PFLAG Spartanburg SC - pflagspartanburg.org
- AID Upstate - aidupstate.org

Let's do this #togethergvl and keep our community moving FORWARD!

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