A RESOLUTION OF TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 613, WHICH WOULD AMEND THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL’S SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (“PHRA”) does not currently prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in employment, housing, and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, in light of the PHRA’s failure to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, numerous Pennsylvania municipalities have adopted local ordinances prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in employment, housing, and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, although the local ordinances described above purport to be authorized under the PHRA, the municipal prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression is clearly not specifically authorized by the PHRA; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 613, currently before the Senate State Government Committee, would amend the PHRA to specifically prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of Senate Bill 613 would alleviate the need for municipalities to adopt local ordinances to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in employment, housing, and public accommodations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Borough of Chambersburg and it is hereby resolved by and with the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated by reference thereto.

SECTION 2: Town Council of the Borough of Chambersburg urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact Senate Bill 613:

A. To expressly amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in employment, housing, and public accommodations; and

B. To alleviate the need for municipalities to enact local ordinances to prohibit discrimination that is not currently prohibited by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.
BE IT DULY RESOLVED by the Chambersburg Town Council at its regularly convened meeting held on the 22nd day of January, 2018.

ATTEST:

Jamie L. Wright
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG

Heath Talhelm
Council President

Approved this 22nd day of January, 2018.