



**A Century of Progress with Pride**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EQUAL ACCESS TO HOUSING  
REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Berwyn believes every resident has the right to access housing regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Berwyn finds that decent, safe, and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Illinois residents; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting citizens from unwarranted discrimination is fully consistent with the goals, aspirations and values of our community and the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, stable, integrated, and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan announced regulations intended to ensure that HUD's core housing programs are open to all eligible persons, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD currently requires its recipients of discretionary funds to comply with local and state non-discrimination laws that cover sexual orientation or gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011 HUD issued new guidance that treats discrimination based on gender nonconformity or sex stereotyping as sex discrimination under the Fair Housing Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Berwyn Human Rights Ordinance and the Illinois Human Rights Act affirm that it is a civil rights violation for any person to create alarm, distribute written material, or solicit for sale, lease, listing or purchase any residential real estate on the grounds of loss of value due to the present or prospective entry of a resident based on sexual orientation; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Berwyn supports equal access to housing regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and encourages the passage of S 1605 the Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act of 2011 and its companion HR 3030.

Entered upon the records of the City of Berwyn this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012.

Robert J. Lovero  
Mayor

Thomas J. Pavlik  
City Clerk