

Wake County Passes Nondiscrimination Ordinance

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RALEIGH – The Wake County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to pass a nondiscrimination ordinance that protects residents and visitors from discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, natural hairstyle, and other characteristics in employment and public accommodations. The vote was unanimous and makes Wake County, the most populous county in North Carolina, the fourteenth jurisdiction to advance a comprehensive nondiscrimination ordinance in 2021. Kendra R. Johnson, Executive Director of Equality NC, said “At the beginning of 2021, every LGBTQ person in our state was left vulnerable to discrimination – but now, ten months in, local nondiscrimination ordinances protect millions of residents. Actions like today’s vote in Wake County signals undeniable momentum for LGBTQ equality and a major cause for celebration.”

“Now, it’s time for state and federal lawmakers to take notice. North Carolinians should be protected no matter where they live or travel, and that requires action from the NC General Assembly and from our U.S. Senators.”

Matt Calabria, Chair of the Wake County Commission, said :

“Wake County is a welcoming and inclusive community where we care about all of our residents and visitors. Our nondiscrimination ordinance helps ensure that all people are treated fairly and that no one is discriminated against because of who they are.”