

A RESOLUTION

TO PLACE AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, ASKING THE VOTERS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY WHETHER THEY BELIEVE AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY VALUES AS EXPRESSED IN THE 1996 GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the community values of Greenville County have not been questioned in twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, the values of Greenville County are now being questioned by representatives of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County has listened to opposing views of Greenville County's values as expressed by citizens of Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council has chosen not to address the controversy caused by the LGBTQ representatives questioning the values that are listed in the 1996 Greenville County Council Resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-9-30(16), Greenville County Council may conduct an advisory referendum.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Greenville County Council hereby requests that the Greenville County Election Commission conduct an advisory referendum to be held on November 3, 2020 within Greenville County on the following question:

“Do you believe and support the values as expressed in the 1996 Greenville County Council Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Council is legally charged with protection of the safety, health and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing assaults on those community values which further the protection of the public's safety, health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the County Council believes that as elected representatives of the citizens, it is selected in part to articulate and protect those community values; and

WHEREAS, the County Council believes it must not sit silently and watch those community values be undermined.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Greenville County Council believes that the traditional family structure is in accord with the community values of Greenville County; and

That this traditional lifestyle has been proven to be the primary and best method for fostering a positive development in children, and a support network for the elderly; and

That this family structure has provided the best mechanism for maintaining a lifestyle which leaves citizens independent of their government for support; and

That any lifestyle contrary to these values should not be endorsed by government policy makers; and

That Greenville County Council, in the course of carrying out its duties and responsibilities, is committed to fair and impartial treatment of all citizens without regard to race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs.”

Yes

No

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greenville County Election Commission is requested to certify the results of the advisory referendum to County Council.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Herman G. Kirven, Jr., Chairman
Greenville County Council

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator