PROCLAMATION

REGARDING THE PRIVACY AND PROTECTION OF STUDENTS AS IT RELATES TO COLORADO S.B. 08-200 AND COLORADO H.B. 21-1108

WHEREAS, Monument Academy ("MA"), in El Paso County, Colorado, is a nonprofit corporation and a local public body, acting by its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Directors of the School (the "Board") have been duly elected, chosen, and qualified; and

WHEREAS, the Board's mission is to provide a challenging, content-rich, academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment, established on a solid foundation of knowledge, MA emphasizes academic excellence, respect, responsibility, character, and exemplary citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Board firmly believes that Parents, not schools, have the predominant and fundamental responsibility for ensuring the education, health, safety, and well-being of their children; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports natural law, moral truth, and protecting the innocence, vulnerability, wellbeing, privacy, and safety of every one of our students; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the current Colorado legislation referred to as S.B. 08-200 and H.B. 21-1108, jeopardizes the innocence, wellbeing, privacy, and safety of our students; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that there is a clear distinction between "sex" which is the physical design at birth differentiating between male and female, and "gender" which under current legislation has been re-defined as a psychological determination subject to individual discretion; and

WHEREAS, Monument Academy welcomes students from all walks of life never discriminating against the enrollment and education of students in MA based on "gender expression" or "gender identity"; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the use of a sex-specific common bathroom and the use of a sex-specific common locker room by the individual who is of the biological sex is protected by the right to privacy from an individual who "expresses" or "identifies" as a non-biological gender under Amendment IV of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that

- 1. The Monument Academy Board of Directors declares that Monument Academy shall support the liberty and dignity of each student and staff member and in so doing, shall not discriminate against individuals with regard to their personal liberty and dignity in the event that their gender is not consistent with their sex; and
- 2. The Board firmly believes that any laws passed by the United States Congress and the Colorado General Assembly that mandate specific instruction or that direct MA to follow specific instruction regarding non biological "gender expression" and/or "gender identity" in determining the use of biological sex specific common bathrooms, biological sex specific common locker rooms and participation in biological sex specific athletic sports; violate natural law, moral truth and expose our students to undue harm, confusion and dysphoria; and

- 3. The Board has a duty to ensure that MA protects the safety and bodily privacy of each and every one of our students, and that our students know they are encouraged and have a right to set boundaries protecting their privacy, and report to their teacher(s), staff, administrators when those boundaries are violated; and
- 4. The Board believes that our elected representatives at the state and national level have a moral and ethical obligation to challenge and repeal such laws that violate the innocence, vulnerability, wellbeing, privacy, and safety of our children; and
- 5. The Board appeals to our parents and our constituents to make your voices heard as active and engaged citizens by contacting your elected representatives at the state and national level asking them to take a stand for the privacy and protection of our students.

Approved and adopted - February 10th, 2022

Ryan Graham, Board President Monument Academy

Attest:

Lindsay Clinton, Board Secretary

Monument Academy