



Annual Delegate Assembly

RESOLUTION FORM_2023

RESOLUTION# -

To be filled in by MSCA

Opposing Florida’s *Don’t Say LGBTQ Law* & Proposed Expansion 5-5-2023/ 9:30am

RESOLUTION NAME

DATE/TIME

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DELEGATE MAKING MOTION

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According to MSCA Standing/Special Rules: With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED: To adopt the resolution below

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, Florida’s notorious and cruel *Don’t Say LGBTQ law* has already made classrooms more hostile for LGBTQ youth, led to book bans across the state, driven frustrated teachers out of the profession, and is causing LGBTQ families to leave Florida;

Whereas the *Don’t Say LGBTQ Expansion*, proposed in Florida House Bills 1223 & 1069/ Senate Bill 1320, will only worsen these impacts, stretching the ban on instruction about sexual orientation and gender identity to eighth grade;

Whereas, this legislation also expands book bans by allowing anyone in the county who objects to school materials on certain grounds to remove those materials from all children until the complaint is resolved;

Whereas, LGBTQ families and people are a valued and healthy part of our society; having an education system that denies their existence is absurd and deeply offensive.

Therefore be it Resolved,

1. That the MSCA opposes Florida's *Don't Say LGBTQ law* and proposed Expansion.
2. That MSCA's NEA delegates stand in solidarity with the Florida Education Association at the July 2023 NEA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

RESOLUTIONS must be submitted to the Presiding Officer prior to the commencement of the meeting. Those submitted by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3 will be distributed to the delegates prior to the meeting. Resolutions will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Submit to: president@mscaunion.org

If you have any questions, please contact Joanna Gonsalves, Vice President of the MSCA at vicepresident@mscaunion.org