PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TRANSGENDER CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WHEREAS, the Phoenix Union High School District believes that every child deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and provided fair access to opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix Union High School District is committed to equal justice for all, including children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix Union High School District's **Governing Board Policy AC, Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity**, prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression; and

WHEREAS, all children and youth should be able to attend school in a safe and inclusive environment free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the lack of awareness and understanding of issues facing LGBTQIA+ children and youth has contributed to a higher rate of isolation, depression, and suicidal ideations or attempts; and

WHEREAS, the Trevor Project shared LGBTQIA+ youth who do not feel affirmed in their identity are more likely to attempt suicide and self-harm than those who do feel affirmed; and

WHEREAS, anti-trans legislation is an attack on the safety of trans youth; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Fifty-fifth Legislature - Second Regular Session passed Senate Bill 1165, which has been signed into law, disallowing a student from participating in interscholastic or intramural athletic competitions designated for the sex different from the student's sex assigned at birth; and

WHEREAS, in opposing this legislation, Phoenix Union takes a stand in proclaiming our District to be an inclusive school district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GOVERNING BOARD:

The Governing Board opposes legislation that is an attack on the safety of trans children and youth including legislation requiring them to participate in athletic competitions based on their sex assigned at birth.

The Governing Board opposes Senate Bill 1165, which disallows a student from participating in interscholastic athletic competitions designated for the sex different from the student's sex assigned at birth.

Adopted this **5th day of May 2022**, the Governing Board voted at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present with 6 in favor of, 0 against, 0 abstained from the above Resolution.

Lela Alston, Governing Board President

Stanford Prescott, Governing Board Clerk