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6/16/2022	*	City Council	Referred to Comm by Council	
6/30/2022	*	Committee on Civil and Human Rights	Hearing Held by Committee	
6/30/2022	*	Committee on Civil and Human Rights	Laid Over by Committee	
7/13/2022	*	Committee on Civil and Human Rights	Hearing Held by Committee	
7/13/2022	*	Committee on Civil and Human Rights	Amendment Proposed by Comm	
7/13/2022	*	Committee on Civil and Human Rights	Amended by Committee	
7/13/2022	B	Committee on Civil and Human Rights	Approved by Committee	Pass
7/14/2022	B	City Council	Approved, by Council	Pass

Res. No. 242-B

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By Council Members Menin, Bottcher, Hanif, Williams, Richardson Jordan, Farías, Ossé, Louis, Narcisse, Salamanca, Cabán, Avilés, Lee, Brooks-Powers and The Speaker (Council Member Adams)

Whereas, The New York State Constitution ("the Constitution") does not currently include a comprehensive equal rights provision; and

Whereas, An amendment to the Constitution is necessary to ensure legal equality for all New Yorkers;

Whereas, S.51002/A.41002, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader and President Pro Tempore Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, respectively, proposes an amendment ("the amendment") to Article 1 of the Constitution; and

Whereas, In its current state, Article 1, Section 11 of the Constitution states that, "No person shall, because of race, color, creed or religion be subjected to any discrimination in his or her civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state", and

Whereas, This list of protected classes is limited and does not offer comprehensive protection to all New Yorkers; and

Whereas, S.15002/A.41002 would amend the Constitution by adding an equal rights provision that would expand the list of protected classes to include ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy; and

Whereas, The Constitution was last amended to address the topic of equal rights in 1938, which predates the Civil Rights Movement, as well as major advancements toward equality, including steps towards gender and LGBTQ equality, and therefore does not address the protection of equal rights with respect to these essential rights; and

Whereas, On July 1, 2022, the amendment passed both the Senate and Assembly during a special

session of the Legislature; and

Whereas, The amendment must now pass the newly elected Legislature next year before it can go before voters; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York congratulates the State Legislature for approving S.15002/A.41002, a resolution proposing an amendment to the New York State Constitution in relation to equal protection, and calling on the Legislature to approve this amendment again next session so that it may be submitted to the voters of New York State for approval.

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