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I am a professional mental health therapist who supports Resolution 230385 for the sake of letting people live their lives in freedom to be who they are. I identify as nonbinary with pronouns they/them. There is so much false information out there like the one in which a hospital was picketed due to the false statement that children were being mutilated. I heard Governor DeSantis state, " A six year old should not be told they were born into the wrong body." These kids are telling us they feel different and have felt different for a long time but never had the words to describe what was going on. Adults and children who feel unsupported and have to deny who they are have severe depression, feelings of suicide and unfortunately some of these kids can't see any other way out and die by suicide. Gender diversity has been around since the dawn of time.

We as a caring and compassionate city must stand up and speak out about how wrong it is to strip people of their basic rights.

Thanks

Sam