

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2015-109
March 31, 2015

SUBJECT: Travel Ban to the State of Indiana

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 422(11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(11) (2014 Repl.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. PURPOSE:

WHEREAS the state of Indiana recently enacted a law entitled “The Religious Freedom Restoration Act” to allow businesses to discriminate against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in public accommodations;

WHEREAS the courts and legislatures long ago recognized that the refusal to permit the use of public accommodations by minorities was a substantial burden on interstate commerce; and

WHEREAS the laws and public policies of the District of Columbia should support our values of inclusiveness and respect for all.

II. PROHIBITION:

To ensure a consistent voice in policy and practice in the District of Columbia in favor of equal treatment for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, no officer or employee of the District of Columbia is authorized to approve any official travel to Indiana until such time that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act is permanently enjoined, repealed or clarified to forbid any construction that would deny public accommodations to persons based on their sexuality or gender identity.

III. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective immediately.



MURIEL E. BOWSER
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

LAUREN C. VAUGHAN
ACTING SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA