RESOLUTION 2022-15

RESOLUTION OPPOSING 15 CSR 30-200.015 LIBRARY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS SUBMITTED BY THE MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of University City believes that the right to read is an important part of the intellectual freedom that is basic to democracy;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of University City upholds the belief that responsibility for a child's reading must rest with the parent or guardian, not with the library. The library should not infringe on the parent's right to choose materials for their children; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of University City does not support the removal of local control where library administration is concerned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI:

- 1. Stands steadfast in its commitment to uphold intellectual freedom;
- 2. Defends a patron's freedom to read and asserts that it is the sole right and responsibility of the parent or guardian to determine what library material is appropriate for their children; and
- 3. Affirms that policy and collection development decisions should remain at the local level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of University City:

1. Urges the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to reject 15 CSR 30-200.015.

PASSED and RESOLVED this 28th day of November, 2022

ATTEST

City Clerk

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