

Proclamation

Rise Up for ALL Wisconsin Youth!

Whereas Wisconsin is home to tens of thousands of diverse, vibrant, and resilient youth who are talented, bright, and courageous; and

Whereas all youth should be treated with fairness, respect, dignity, and valued as individuals; and

Whereas parents, churches, communities, and organizations across Wisconsin have collectively worked to protect these young people's mental, emotional, and physical well-being; and

Whereas all Wisconsin youth deserve to have a fair and safe "playing field" in athletics, where biological girls compete exclusively against biological girls; and

Whereas allowing biological males to compete in girls' sports enables them to take elite opportunities meant specifically for biological girls; and

Whereas girls should feel safe and have their privacy protected in locker rooms and changing rooms; and

Whereas boys and girls alike are welcomed and encouraged to play sports on teams that align with their biological sex or are co-ed; and

Whereas Wisconsin's Protect Women's Sports bills for [K-12](#) and [college](#) do all the above; and

Whereas all Wisconsin youth deserve real compassion and honest help if they struggle with gender confusion; and

Whereas Wisconsin's "[Help Not Harm Act](#)" helps youth struggling to embrace their biological sex by protecting them from harmful drugs and surgery; and

Whereas so-called "gender transition" for children and youth violates the first duty of medicine: do no harm; and

Whereas medical procedures and life-long dependency on drugs such as cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers used in "gender transitioning" have long-term, irreversible harm thereby dramatically impacting the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of Wisconsin's youth in both the short and long term; and

Whereas surgery and drugs will not heal a hurting heart; a [2014 study](#) found 62.7% of patients diagnosed with gender dysphoria had at least one co-occurring disorder, and 33% were found to have major depressive disorders, which are linked to suicide ideation"; and

Whereas the best studies indicate [80-95%](#) of children with gender dysphoria will come to identify with and embrace their biological sex; and

Whereas Wisconsin's children represent the future of our state and deserve to have every opportunity to grow up healthy in all respects;

Now, therefore, we the undersigned, call on our fellow citizens, faith leaders, and elected officials to **Rise Up for All Wisconsin Youth** by taking action in families, churches, schools, and government. Pass and sign into law the Protect Women's Sports bills and the Help Not Harm Bill. Urge local governments to adopt this Resolution, showing their commitment to the well-being of the youth of their community. Engage with school boards, municipal government, and county boards on these issues. Use family dinners to talk about the issues, preach sermons and have interactive discussions, hold forums with experts, develop and fund PR campaigns. All of these and more will help ensure our state's youth are protected, not indoctrinated, and helped, not harmed.