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PHOENIX PRIDE STATEMENT REGARDING
REPORT OF TRUMP ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERING
ELIMINATION OF TRANSGENDER STATUS FROM
FEDERAL LEGAL PROTECTIONS

Phoenix Pride to Join in “We Exist and We Vote” Rally at AZ Capitol on Nov. 2

PHOENIX — **Phoenix Pride** has issued the following statement in response to reporting by the New York Times of an internal Trump Administration memo that contemplates a strict definition of “gender” as “based on immutable biological traits identifiable by or before birth” and that “[t]he sex listed on a person’s birth certificate, as originally issued, shall constitute definitive proof of a person’s sex unless rebutted by reliable genetic evidence:”

“This latest move by the current presidential administration to further attack the rights of transgender individuals, by calling into question their core existence, is an example of the worst kind of bigotry and a brazen attempt to pander to those who seek to further marginalize, or even eliminate, individuals and communities that do not comport precisely with their narrow world view.

“In short, it is an outrage.

“Transgender individuals are our family, our friends, our neighbors and our co-workers, and any attempt to curtail their rights to live, work and exist in our

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communities is an attack on both basic decency and against the rights that all people cherish to live as they are, free from marginalization by society and the laws that govern it.

“Phoenix Pride stands for the rights of all individuals, regardless of how they identify, live or express their gender, and we will continue to act to ensure that those rights are both granted and protected, at the local, state and Federal level. Along with our allies in the civic, business and broader communities, we will fight until all people are able to feel secure in their persons, one of the fundamental rights granted under the founding principles that created the United States of America and that exist at the core of our national fabric.”

On **Friday, Nov. 2, 2018**, from **1:00-3:00 p.m.**, at the **Arizona State Capitol** (1700 W Washington, Phoenix), Phoenix Pride will join other community organizations, including **AZTYPO, Trans Spectrum of Arizona, the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance, First Church UCC, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona, GLSEN Phoenix, Unify Sedona, Greater Yavapai County Coalition, one•n•ten, One Community, QuTopia, Aliento, NARAL Pro-Choice Arizona, Trans Queer Pueblo, Human Rights Campaign Arizona and Equality Arizona** for a **“We Exist and We Vote”** rally, in protest of the Administration’s proposed policies. Additional details regarding the rally are forthcoming, and will be shared once available.

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