Adopt OHRC Recommendation on Gender/Sex Designation

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To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) employs a broad, non-binary description of gender identity which recognizes that identity may be diverse or fluid, and;

Whereas accurate identification is critical for a person's access to employment, housing, health care, and the many other circumstances that require government documentation in Canada, and;

Whereas identification that does not reflect a person's identity can heighten their experiences of dysphoria, and;

Whereas currently Ontario Birth Certificates and Registration forms only allow for a male or female sex designation, and;

Whereas when requesting a change to Sex Designation, Ontarians are required to declare that they are "living full-time in the gender identity that accords with the requested change in sex designation and intend to maintain that gender identity," which fails to recognize those whose identity is non-binary, diverse or fluid, and;

Whereas the Ontario Human Rights Commission recommended in 2014 that "there should be options for a third category for sex designation such as 'transgender' or 'x', or even no sex or gender indicator at all, on birth registrations and/or certificates and other official documents."

We the undersigned petition the Ministry of Government Services to adopt the OHRC's above 2014 recommendation for Government of Ontario identification where gender/sex designation is specified.

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