

RESOLUTION NO. 433

WHEREAS, the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles on its driver's license application form requests applicants to identify their "race", notwithstanding the fact that an applicant may refuse to record this information; and

WHEREAS, certain information on one's driver's license application, including identification of race, is made available to prospective insurance companies, prospective employers (if driving is job relevant), law enforcement agencies, and to other organizations and/or individuals upon the written request of the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the potential abuses by those with access to this information, or by those to whom the information is made available, overshadow the claim that the identification of race is in the best interest of the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the question of race identification on the application for a Virginia driver's license represents an affront to the dignity of many citizens of Alexandria as well as to citizens in other communities; and

WHEREAS, the question of race identification on the application for a Virginia driver's license violates the spirit, if not the letter, of federal anti-discrimination laws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, strongly protest the inclusion of the term "race" on the application for a Virginia driver's license, and by copy of this resolution, urges the Governor and the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to forthwith delete this information from said application.

Adopted October 28, 1975

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Clerk