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OSDH OVERSTEPS BOUNDS WITH NON-BINARY BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Wednesday of this week (10/20/21), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) issued a birth certificate with an 'X' designate for sexual identification, effectively creating a 'non-binary' birth certificate.

A federal lawsuit filed August 14 of last year by 'non-binary' Oregon resident Kit Lorelied (born and raised in Oklahoma) has resulted in an agreement in which the OSDH office of Vital Records can issue a birth certificate amended with the 'X' designation.

While the LGBTQ community has lauded the change, State Republican leadership does not believe proper protocol was followed prior to the execution of the change in policy.

Governor Stitt addressed the settlement, saying, "I believe that people are created by God to be male or female. Period. There is no such thing as non-binary sex and I wholeheartedly condemn the purported OSDH court settlement that was entered into by rogue activists who acted without receiving proper approval or oversight."

"My office was never approached about this matter," said House Speaker Charles McCall, R-Atoka. "The agreement is invalid and unenforceable. Slowing this down so the complete process can be followed is the proper course of action by the governor. This executive branch agency acted outside its scope of authority, and now the governor, as the leader of that branch of government, must correct it immediately through executive order."

In addition, Senate Pro-Temp Greg Treat had this to say regarding the OSDH-released non-binary birth certificate, "The authority to institute policy changes of this magnitude rightly belongs within the legislative branch, the branch of government closest to the people. Executive branch agencies should not attempt to legislate or make substantive policy changes like this through rulemaking or court settlement. This is an egregious example of executive overreach that should be corrected as soon as possible."

The OKCOGOP stands fully behind the statements made by Republican leadership on this issue and I will remind ALL Republicans that our OKGOP Platform Principles say the following:

God is the Creator of life, and He created two genders, male and female.

Even as 'lawfare' by the Left attempts to deny science and erode truth, the OKCOGOP will stand firmly for all its platform principles on behalf of all Oklahoma Republicans at all times.

For Freedom,
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