## North Carolina HB-2 Legislation Statement- April 27, 2016

Many of you are by now aware of North Carolina's HB-2 legislation. The complete bill can be found <u>here</u>.

House Bill 2 says that the policy of the state is to prohibit discrimination based on "race, religion, color, national origin, age, biological sex or handicap." It conspicuously leaves out sexual orientation and identity. The bill also prohibits cities from enacting ordinances that provide broader protections than those laid out by the state.

The Mayor of Asheville, Esther Manheimer, has issued a response that can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Clearly both the city of Asheville and the Psychometric Society take pride in being inclusive and welcoming to all. However, as a result of HB 2 some states and some universities are banning travel using state funds to North Carolina. If your circumstances dictate that you will not be able to attend the conference because of HB 2 please let us know by <u>emailing the</u> <u>Psychometric Society</u>.