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E.0. 14168 indicates a desire to return to the fallacy of a binary to male and female. It does not reflect real scientific understanding of genetics, chromosomes, and internal sense of gender nor does it align with the professional practice and ethical standards of multiple well-respected and scientifically-informed organizations: The American Medical Association (the ethical and professional governing body for medical professionals); the American Psychiatric Association (which is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders); the American Psychological Association (the ethical and professional governing body for psychologists), the National Association of Social Workers (the ethical and professional governing body for social workers); the American Counseling Association (the ethical and professional governing body for social workers); the American Counseling Association (the ethical and professional governing body for mental health counselors); and others. These named organizations are in unanimous agreement about the scientific and psychological basis of intersex and transgender identities. This also allows for the spectrum of indigenous identities, specifically gender which includes two spirits, among others. Scientific and evidence-based practitioners agree that transgender identity is real and that denying the existence of trans- or expansive gender identity is life-threatening to individuals. To this point, labeling sex as limited to male and female excludes individual Americans who do not identify with the gender binary and whose sex cannot be categorized specifically according to their biological or genetic reality (e.g., intersex, sterile, or those who have transitioned through medical assistance).