

Resolution of the City of Minneapolis

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Regarding a Constitutional Prohibition Against Gay Marriage.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has a rich history in the civil rights movement and rightfully considers itself a progressive city regarding its policies ensuring equal rights for all citizens; and

Whereas, the City recognizes the status and rights of all persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, including sexual harassment, affectional preference, disability, age, or marital status; and

Whereas, the City has a long record of protecting the civil liberties of and advocating for equal rights for members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community including protecting Minneapolis GLBT residents from employment discrimination, seeking to extend equal employment benefits to the City's GLBT employees and the employees of the City's contractors, registering domestic partnerships, and recognizing the domestic partnerships and civil unions of other jurisdictions; and

Whereas, the proposed amendment to the Minnesota Constitution could jeopardize these efforts;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis opposes any amendment to the Minnesota or Federal Constitution declaring that only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage and that any other relationship shall not be recognized as a marriage or its legal equivalent.