

GLBT Rights

WHEREAS, Too many Americans, especially the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered community, continue to be targets of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Objections to GLBT rights, including opposition to same-sex marriages, are based on individually-held prejudices and interpreted religious beliefs that not all share; and

WHEREAS, One of the foundations of our nation is that one's religious beliefs cannot be imposed upon others; and

WHEREAS, Members of the GLBT community should enjoy all the rights and privileges of all the other citizens in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Members of the GLBT community continue to be the target of hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, Sexual orientation has no bearing on the integrity and patriotism required to serve one's country; and

WHEREAS, in November 2005, Texas voters passed a Discriminatory Anti-Gay and Lesbian Constitutional Amendment (Proposition 2) denying gays and lesbians basic constitutional rights; be it therefore

RESOLVED:

- * That relationships between same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples should be equal in the eyes of the law, including marriage;
- * That all benefits and legal entitlements available to heterosexual couples should be made available to homosexual couples;
- * That hate crimes laws be strengthened and enforced;
- * That openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals no longer be banned from serving in the US armed forces; and be it further

RESOLVED, That until Proposition 2 is repealed, the State Legislature should enact laws to provide members of the GLBT community the rights to

- * Make medical decisions for their partners
- * Receive inheritances from their partners
- * Obtain insurance benefits through their partners
- * Adopt children.

Submitted to and Adopted by Precinct Number _____, _____ County

Precinct Convention Secretary (signature) _____ on _____ (date)

Submitted to and Adopted by State Sen. District _____, _____ County

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