

The resolution below is offered by the Executive Committee for consideration by the IU South Bend Academic Senate on November 22, 2013. House Joint Resolution 6 would add the following language to Section 2. Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana as a new section: **“Section 38. Only a marriage between one (1) man and one (1) woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Indiana. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized.”**

**Resolution to Support the
Freedom Indiana Coalition and Indiana University
In Opposition to House Joint Resolution 6**

IU South Bend Academic Senate
Proposed: November 22, 2013

Whereas Indiana University joined the Freedom Indiana coalition¹, a bipartisan grassroots campaign to oppose the constitutional amendment proposed in House Joint Resolution 6 (HJR6) that seeks to define marriage as exclusively between a man and a woman,

Whereas President McRobbie has stated the proposed amendment “runs counter to IU’s deeply held values” of equity and inequity,

Whereas Indiana University believes HJR6 would cause prospective and current faculty, staff, and students to feel unwelcome and be “a disincentive to locate in Indiana, adding to the state’s challenges to remain economically competitive,”

Whereas the University Faculty Council supports the action of the university in joining the coalition,

And Whereas Indiana University joins notable Indiana businesses working to ensure the state Constitution is not altered to enshrine intolerance “that is not representative of the best of Hoosier values,”

We, the IU South Bend Academic Senate, support the action of President McRobbie and the University Faculty Council to join Freedom Indiana and oppose the amendment proposed in HJR6.

¹ <http://news.iu.edu/releases/iu/university-wide/2013/10/iu-joins-freedom-indiana.shtml>