

Resolution on SB 475 Public Employee Health Plan Eligibility and HJR 6 Constitutional Amendment on Marriage

Be it resolved that the Indiana University Faculty Council is strongly opposed to SB 475, legislation that would deny coverage for domestic partners and their children for all state employee and state educational institution health plans, and strongly opposed to HJR 6, a proposed state constitutional amendment that says:

“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.”

This legislation and proposed amendment express an intolerance and narrow-mindedness that is inimical to the principles of diversity, respect, tolerance, and freedom that are the foundations of a university. If it is adopted, this amendment will have a profoundly negative effect on Indiana University's ability to attract and retain the best scholars, staff, and students.

By Action of the Indiana University Faculty Council, [date].