



## REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

<b>To:</b> <b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b> <u><b>Item No. VII. A.</b></u>
<b>From:</b> <b>Lisa Schaefer</b>  <b>Human Resources Director</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Action</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Discussion</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Information</b>
<b>Date:</b> <b>March 20, 2012</b>	
<b>Subject:</b> <b>Resolution 2012-47 Opposing the Marriage Amendment</b>	

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Adopt the attached Resolution Expressing Opposition to the Proposed Marriage Amendment.

**INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:**

The Edina Human Rights and Relations Commission endorsed the following statement of opposition to the proposed marriage amendment, and requests the Council adopts the proposed resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Resolution 2012-47 Expressing Opposition to Proposed Marriage Amendment**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-47**  
**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION**  
**TO THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in 2011 the Minnesota State Legislature voted to include the following question on the election ballot in November 2012: “Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?;” and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment would add a new Section 13 to the Minnesota Constitution stating: “Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota;” and

**WHEREAS**, constitutions historically have been designed and interpreted to protect minorities from the arbitrary imposition of unjust barriers by the majority; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment would be contrary to the purpose of our State Constitution to protect the rights, privileges and freedom of conscience of all citizens by withholding from some individuals and families important legal rights and obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, Edina’s commitment to equality for all residents and citizens is shown, in part, by its adoption and implementation of the City of Edina Domestic Partnership Ordinance in June 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, a broad coalition of organizations, community and business leaders, faith, labor, progressive and nonpartisan organizations, communities of color; and current and former elected officials have all joined to defeat this amendment.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Edina City Council joins the broad coalition of individuals and organizations stated above in opposing the proposed constitutional amendment entitled, “Recognition of Marriage Solely Between One Man and One Woman,” and urges Edina and Minnesota citizens to vote “NO” on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Dated: March 20, 2012

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

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James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )SS  
CITY OF EDINA )

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of March 20, 2012, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

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City Clerk