

RESOLUTION No.

Declare that the Oregon Constitution is no place for unequal treatment and encourage the citizens of Portland, Oregon to vote “No” on Constitutional Amendment 36. (Resolution)

WHEREAS the Oregon Constitution is designed to protect people, not hurt them; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the Portland City Council declared it the policy of the City of Portland to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment Ballot Measure 36 hurts real Oregonians by putting unequal treatment for gay and lesbians in our Constitution, and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Amendment Ballot Measure 36 would deny many Oregon families health care access, inheritance rights and the ability to make life-saving medical decisions for their loved ones, and

WHEREAS, Oregonians may disagree about social issues, such as marriage, those disagreements do not belong in our Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that unequal treatment that hurts any group of Oregonians does not belong in our state Constitution and it is the policy of the City of Portland to support marriage equality for all citizens of Oregon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council urges Oregonians to vote “No” on Ballot Measure 36 this November and reject putting unequal treatment into the Oregon Constitution.

Adopted by the Council:

Portland

GARY BLACKMER
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