



Resolution to Support HF 1054 and SF 925 for Marriage Equality in Minnesota

Whereas, Augsburg College strongly encourages students to be informed citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers, and responsible leaders; and

Whereas, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) supports and affirms its gay and lesbian community members and religious leaders within the context of Jesus' invitation to love God and love our neighbor; and

Whereas, Augsburg College is committed to promoting intentional diversity in its life and work both on campus and within its greater community in order to achieve a more equitable society; and

Whereas, Minnesota is the first state in the United States of America that has rejected a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage; and

Whereas, the lack of access to marriage rights deprives gay and lesbian families of more than 1,000 federal rights and benefits and over 500 Minnesota State rights and benefits, including: filing joint income tax returns, inheritance of a share of spouse's possessions, visiting rights while spouse is in hospital or jail, filing for joint adoption, receiving government benefits, such as veterans' and military benefits, along with Social Security, Medicare, and disability benefits on behalf of their spouse; and

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Augsburg Day Student Body, support the legislative efforts of Senator Scott Dibble and Representative Karen Clark to legalize same sex marriage in Minnesota through HF 1054 and SF 925. We resolve in good conscience that these bills will have a lasting effect on our society by making it more equitable while also setting the precedent for future legislative action across the United States of America.

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