

SPONSOR: Bill Emerson, Sr.  
4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman

## **RESOLUTION NO. R04**

### **A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3**

**WHEREAS**, House Joint Resolution 3 (HJR 3) proposes to add an amendment to the Indiana Constitution that would ban same sex marriages and civil unions, and;

**WHEREAS**, Passage of HJR 3 will have a negative social and financial impact on Indiana and its citizens in that it will eliminate health care benefits for same-sex partnerships, eliminate legally binding documents for same-sex couples that are “substantially similar to marriage” such as wills and trusts, eliminate inheritance laws from being applied to same-sex couples and eliminate hospital visitation rights for same-sex couples; and

**WHEREAS**, Such legal actions will drive talented and qualified citizens from the State of Indiana and its job market; and

**WHEREAS**, Various Courts across the United States have stated that certain actions taken by Governments violate basic due process and equal protection principals, resulting in disparate treatment of specific groups of citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hammond, by its Common Council wishes by this Resolution to express its opposition to the passage of House Joint Resolution 3; and

**WHEREAS**, Discrimination against any citizen of Hammond has a harmful impact on the social, cultural and economic vitality of the City, as well as adversely impacting the public health and welfare of the Community.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that the Common Council on behalf of the citizens of the City of Hammond that the City of Hammond wishes to express its opposition to the passage of House Joint Resolution 3, and wishes a copy of this Resolution tendered to the Indiana General Assembly.

RESOLVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014.

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Michael Opinker, President /s/  
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor said City for approval on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/

The foregoing Resolution No. R04 consisting of two (2) typewritten pages, including this page, approved by the Mayor on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

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THOMAS M. MCDERMOTT, JR. , Mayor /s/  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/