

MARRIAGE EQUALITY RESOLUTION
Adopted by the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge on May 17, 2009

Because human relationships, and especially marriage, are held in the highest honor among the blessings of life; and

Because Unitarian Universalists and the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and strive for justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; and

WHEREAS the Government of the United States and many states, including Louisiana, have acted to refuse recognition of same-sex marriages and to deny full faith and credit to such marriages formalized in other venues; and

WHEREAS the Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Trustees, the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, and the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association have voted their support for the right to marry for same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge has conducted Services of Union for same sex couples since 1983, and was recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation in 2003;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge adopts a position in support of legal recognition for marriage between members of the same sex; and

BE IT further resolved that the congregation of the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge proclaims the worth of marriage between any two consenting adults in a committed relationship; and

BE IT finally resolved that the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge shall make its position on Marriage Equality known in the community.