

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF BATON ROUGE

**Marriage Equality Resolution**

**Adopted 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.