

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

11-0689R

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED "RECOGNITION OF MARRIAGE" CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

BY PRESIDENT GARDNER AND COUNCILOR ANDERSON:

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Minnesota State Legislature voted to include the following question on the election ballot in November 2012: "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?"; and

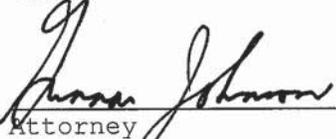
WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would add a new Section 13 to the Minnesota Constitution stating: "Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota."; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Duluth city council recognized the importance of equality for all citizens by passing the state of Minnesota's second Domestic Partnership Registry; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of organizations, community and business leaders; faith, labor, progressive and nonpartisan organizations; communities of color; and current and former elected officials have all joined to defeat this amendment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth city council joins the broad coalition of organizations stated above in supporting Minnesota's United for All Families and hereby opposes the proposed constitutional amendment entitled "Recognition of Marriage Solely Between One Man and One Woman," and urges Minnesota citizens to vote "No" on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Approved as to form:



Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution is an expression of opposition to the proposed Minnesota constitutional amendment entitled "Recognition of Marriage Solely Between One Man and One Woman."