STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2015-1025

TITLE: Resolution Reaffirming the University of Florida Student Body’s Commitment to Equality

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WHEREAS, the state of Indiana passed and signed into law the Religious Freedom Restoration Act that will take effect on July 1st 2015 that establishes a judicial review standard for cases involving hindrance of religious freedom¹; and,

WHEREAS, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act may allow discrimination based on sexual orientation to be protected and justified under the assertion of religious freedom; and,

WHEREAS, multiple states and cities have banned official government travel to Indiana as a result of such law; and,

WHEREAS, colleges and universities, including Indiana University, have issued statements affirming the essential academic value of equality; and,

WHEREAS, a core value of the Gator Nation is standing against intolerance, discrimination and bigotry²; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate, on behalf of the University of Florida Student Body, condemns any law which permits discrimination against any individual, and affirms its commitment to full equality for all regardless of age, race, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, religion, or sexual orientation.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to UF President Fuchs, the Gainesville City Commission, the Alachua County Commission, Indiana University Student Government, UF Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, and the Pride Student Union Executive Board.

¹ https://iga.in.gov/static-documents/9/2/b/a/92bab197/SB0101.05.ENRS.pdf