

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 100

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING
MARRIAGE EQUALITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE**

WHEREAS, as a Municipal government, it is imperative that the City of Hallandale Beach, protect the equal rights of all our residents without regard to their race, gender, religious belief and sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach has promulgated policies which prohibit the discrimination of persons who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the lack of access to legal marriage deprives the members of the LGBT community of certain benefits and responsibilities afforded heterosexual families, such as spousal Social Security and pension benefits; medical decision-making authority; and

WHEREAS, this denial of marriage equality hurts not only the families discriminated against, but everyone who cares about the well-being of these couples and their children; and

WHEREAS, domestic partnership and civil union laws bring welcome recognition to these families, where there is no substitute for marriage. Currently, there is no legal mechanism for protecting the rights of families is as widely accepted or has the same impact and meaning as marriage; and

WHEREAS, denying access to marriage for loving, committed same-sex couples discriminates against them and relegates them to second-class citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Support of Marriage Equality. The Mayor and City Commission hereby support loving, committed same-sex couples having equal access to legal marriage and oppose laws and constitutional amendments that deny the opportunity and right. We encourage the Florida State Legislature and governor to enact a law providing marriage equality for all residents of the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. Directions to City Clerk. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause a

33 copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Florida State Legislature and to Governor Rick Scott.

34 **SECTION 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its
35 passage and adoption.

36 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7th day of November, 2012.
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41 ATTEST: MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

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49 **Sponsored by: Mayor Joy Cooper**

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51 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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