

RESPONSIVE RESOLUTION TO THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Michael Tino, UU Fellowship of Northern Westchester, Mount Kisco, NY

John Hawkins, UUA Trustee, Metro New York District

David Friedman, UUA Trustee, St. Lawrence District

WHEREAS the Standing on the Side of Love campaign was recognized by President Peter Morales in his report as the major public witness campaign of the UUA,

WHEREAS this campaign has advocated fiercely for marriage equality, and

WHEREAS, while Unitarian Universalists from throughout the world met in Charlotte at General Assembly, the New York State Legislature, in a bipartisan vote, passed marriage equality legislation that that was signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo, and

WHEREAS multiracial, interfaith coalitions, including Interfaith Impact of New York State, were instrumental in the passage of this law by showing the legislature that diverse people of faith stand on the side of love, and

WHEREAS Unitarian Universalists from the Metro New York and St. Lawrence Districts played significant roles in these coalitions,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the 2011 General Assembly celebrates with the people of New York on the occasion of this historic victory and expresses enthusiastic joy for this step toward equality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we recognize that the struggle for equal marriage rights is only one small piece of a larger movement for full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

LASTLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegates call upon our congregations and institutions to continue our religious witness and advocacy for love as well as the dismantling of inequality and oppression wherever they are found.