

Resolution Regarding Same Sex Unions

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AJC has adopted a position opposing the recently proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would (1) restrict marriage to the union of a man and a woman, and (2) preclude the construction of the federal or any state constitution as requiring that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than a union of a man and a woman. The basis for this position is AJC's belief that such an amendment would enshrine discrimination into our social fabric.

After further consideration, and without comment on state recognition of same sex marriage per se, AJC believes that same sex couples who choose to enter into domestic arrangements such as civil unions should be afforded the same legal rights, benefits, protections and obligations conferred upon heterosexual couples who enter into civil marriage.