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## **2015 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7**

April 14, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives JORGENSEN, ZAMARRIPA, SPREITZER, BARCA, SHANKLAND, HEBL, GOYKE, HINTZ, HESSELBEIN, GENRICH, BERCEAU, SUBECK, MEYERS, WACHS, MASON, MILROY, SINICKI, JOHNSON, YOUNG, OHNSTAD, BOWEN, CONSIDINE, BILLINGS, BARNES, STUCK, SARGENT, RIEMER, POPE, KAHL, KOLSTE, C. TAYLOR, BROSTOFF and DANOU. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

1	Relating to: reaffirming the Wisconsin Assembly's unwavering commitment to
2	protecting the civil rights of all Wisconsin residents.
3	Whereas, recent passage of the so-called Religious Freedom Restoration Act by
4	the State of Indiana has opened the door to discrimination on the basis of sexual
5	orientation or religious beliefs; and
6	Whereas, this legislation has ignited tensions among Hoosiers and led some to
7	feel as though they are being treated as second-class citizens; and
8	Whereas, Indiana's economy stands to suffer as a result of the state's purported
9	"Religious Freedom Restoration Act," with businesses like Apple and Angie's List,
10	organizations like the NCAA, and even other states like Connecticut strongly
11	criticizing its passage; and
12	Whereas, the State of Indiana's self-styled "Religious Freedom Restoration
13	Act" also jeopardizes Indiana taxpayers, with that state now potentially liable for
14	discrimination lawsuits; and

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1	Whereas, this thinly veiled discriminatory legislation lies in direct
2	contradiction to the ideals of equality that all elected officials swear to uphold during
3	their time of public service; and
4	Whereas, article I, section 18, of the Wisconsin Constitution already provides
5	broad religious protections while upholding equality for all; and
6	Whereas, Wisconsin stands firmly in opposition to Indiana's "Religious
7	Freedom Restoration Act" and will continue to take strides to ensure equality for all;
8	now, therefore, be it
9	Resolved by the assembly, That Wisconsin leaders shall neither endorse nor
10	approve any legislation or constitutional amendment that explicitly or implicitly
11	allows for discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex,
12	physical condition, developmental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, or
13	gender identity; and, be it further
14	<b>Resolved, That</b> the Wisconsin Assembly hereby reaffirms its commitment to
15	protecting the civil rights of all Wisconsinites and denounces bigotry and hatred.
16	(END)