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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.

Relating to: reaffirming the Wisconsin Assembly's unwavering commitment to 1 2 protecting the civil rights of all Wisconsin residents. 3 Whereas, recent passage of the so-called Religious Freedom Restoration Act by the State of Indiana has opened the door to discrimination on the basis of sexual 4 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

Act" also jeopardizes Indiana taxpayers, with that state now potentially liable for

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

(END)