

**Statement of Resolution
In Support of
Referendum H
The Colorado Domestic Partnership Benefits & Responsibilities Act**

WHEREAS, thousands of law-abiding, taxpaying Coloradans are denied basic legal protections and responsibilities merely because they live in committed, same-sex relationships; and

WHEREAS, committed same-sex are not guaranteed the right to visit a partner in the hospital, direct his or her care in a nursing home, or to leave their property to whom they wish upon death; and

WHEREAS, gays or lesbians who die without a will are more likely to have their property left to the government than to their partner, and

WHEREAS, this November, Colorado voters will have the opportunity to approve domestic partnerships, a registered civil contract between committed same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Partnerships will appear on the November ballot as a referred statute enacted as HB 06-1344 with the bipartisan support of the Colorado General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, domestic partnerships, while not marriage, will provide many, but not all, of the protections and responsibilities that these couples deserve; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Referendum H will send a strong signal throughout the country of Colorado's commitment to fairness and equality for all citizens

Now, Therefore Be It RESOLVED that ACLU of Colorado does hereby declare its full public support of, and urge a Yes vote on, Referendum H, the Colorado Domestic Partnership Benefits & Responsibilities Act at the General Election on November 7, 2006.

Signed David H. Miller - Chair, Board of Directors Date June 20, 2006

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