

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY'S DECISION TO JOIN THE FREEDOM INDIANA COALITION

WHEREAS, it is the vision of the Graduate and Professional Student Organization to advocate for an inclusive and empowered graduate and professional student community;

WHEREAS, "equality, compassion, and respect for individuals have long been the bedrock of Indiana University's educational mission" [President Michael McRobbie; 10/28/2013];

WHEREAS, <u>House Joint Resolution 6</u> (HJR6), a proposed amendment to Constitution of the State of Indiana to explicitly prohibit same-sex marriage, stands in stark opposition to that mission;

WHEREAS, HJR6 would have an unjustifiably detrimental effect on members of the campus community at all levels; and

WHEREAS, HJR6 would send an unwelcoming and negative message to the rest of the country, making it more difficult for Indiana University to recruit top-tier faculty, staff, and students.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly that, as the official representative of graduate and professional student body at Indiana University – Bloomington, GPSO wholeheartedly and enthusiastically supports the Indiana University administration in its decision to join the bi-partisan Freedom Indiana coalition in opposition to HJR6.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly on this 1st day of November, 2013.

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GPSO President	Date