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RESOLUTION 2011-003

A RESOLUTION urging the Kentucky House of Representatives to pass House Bill 106 and the Kentucky Senate to pass Senate Bill 138.

WHEREAS, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex community make a significant contribution to the economic welfare of the Commonwealth and our entire Union.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky was the first Southern State to pass a civil rights law, the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966. The Commonwealth also became the first in the South to establish enforcement powers over civil rights violations on a state level. The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights becomes the state enforcement authority of the Act.

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Civil Rights Act protect people from discrimination due to race, color, religion, national origin, age (over 40), sex, disability and retaliation Housing: race, color, religion, familial status, national origin, sex, disability and retaliation Public Accommodation: race, color, religion, national origin, and disability Financial Transactions (KRS 344.400): race, color, religion, national origin, sex, and disability. Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) Chapter 344 contains several additions to the Act.

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights (established by Governor Bert T. Combs *(who desegregated public accommodations by executive order)*) has repeatedly urged the Kentucky House of Representatives and the Kentucky Senate to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.

WHEREAS, since 1995, more than 16,500 citizens have signed petitions *(utilizing Kentucky Equality Federation's Action Alert System)* requesting sexual orientation and gender identity be added to the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.

WHEREAS, as of 2011, more than forty-five (45) years after the Act was signed into law by Governor Edward T. Breathitt in 1966, sexual orientation and gender identity remain unprotected under the Act.

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of Kentucky Equality Federation urges the Kentucky House of Representatives to pass House Bill 106 and the Kentucky Senate to pass Senate Bill 138.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Secretary of the Corporation shall mail, fax, or email a copy of this Resolution to each member of the General Assembly, or the President shall deliver a copy to each member in person with all signatures from 2011 on or before February 25, 2011.

This is a true record of a joint resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of both Kentucky Equality Coalition, Inc. and Federation for Kentucky Equality, Inc. collectively, Kentucky Equality Federation, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

HISTORY:

January 26, 2011 – Presented to the Board of Directors

January 28, 2011 – Amended and Text Changed

February 01, 2011 – Passed by Unanimous Vote



Richard T. Jones
Chairman of the Board

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Secretary of the Corporation