Resolution to Protect Religious Liberty

Whereas the redefinition of marriage in Minnesota was supposed to only allow same-sex couples to marry and not infringe upon the freedom of others;

Whereas the Minnesota Department of Human Rights has threatened to punish individuals, businesses, and other organizations who refuse to participate in the solemnization or celebration of a same-sex marriage with heavy fines and even jail time (1);

Whereas the Minnesota Constitution has strong protections for religious liberty and conscience;

Whereas the Minnesota Human Rights Act already offers some protection for those who object to homosexual conduct;

Be it resolved that the Legislature and Governor enact broader accommodations for the religious liberty and consciences of individuals who refuse to solemnize, celebrate, or perpetuate a same-sex marriage.

(1) http://mn.gov/mdhr/public_affairs/samesex_marriage.html