

**RESOLUTION  
of the  
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

**By Schiff**

**Supporting the Uniting American Families Act (HR 1024/SF 424).**

Whereas, current U.S. immigration law discriminates against a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident and his or her foreign born partner by not allowing the sponsorship of the foreign partner for immigration benefits, although an opposite-sex couple would have the right to do so; and

Whereas, the limited legal options for same-sex partners to keep their relationship unified exacts enormous emotional, financial, and mental toll, disproportionate to opposite-sex couples bi-national relationships; and

Whereas, currently pending in Congress is the Uniting American Families Act (HR 1024/S 424), reintroduced on February 12, 2009, by Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) and Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT). The bill is intended to “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent relationships”; and

Whereas, the Uniting American Families Act would allow same-sex relationships to be treated no differently from opposite sex relationships and all legal requirements of qualifying under the statute and providing the good faith nature of their relationship would remain; and

Whereas, the Uniting American Families Act would bring US immigration law in line with 19 other countries that recognize same sex partners for immigration purposes;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis supports the passage of the Uniting American Families Act and urges the state’s Congressional delegation to support its passage.