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**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTS MARRIAGE  
EQUALITY**

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners today adopted a resolution supporting full and inclusive marriage equality for all Ohioans.

The resolution points to existing policies and commitments dating back to 2008, including the county's expansive non-discrimination policy, commitment to fully-inclusive diversity, and extension of healthcare and other benefits to all spouses and domestic partners regardless of gender.

The Board's resolution affirms its support of Why Marriage Matters Ohio, a grassroots coalition campaign to build support for all marriages, including those of same-sex couples, to be treated equally in Ohio. It points to legal and economic protections, which it says will continue to advance the rights for all Ohioans who want their committed, loving relationships to be recognized by the state.

Representatives from Why Marriage Matters Ohio were on hand to accept the resolution, and the commissioners were flanked by members of the Board of Commissioners staff who are personally impacted by the lack of marriage equality in Ohio.

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