AAUW Tar Heel Branch
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Resolution Against Constitutional Amendment On Same Sex Marriage

Whereas, same-sex marriage is already illegal in North Carolina so Voting No on this amendment is NOT a vote to legalize marriage. This anti-gay amendment is redundant, a distraction from the real economic challenges we face; and

Whereas, this amendment puts discrimination into the North Carolina Constitution, a document that should protect all citizens' rights; and

Whereas, this amendment is bad for businesses as business executives have indicated that this amendment would make it more difficult to recruit a diverse workforce; and

Whereas, this amendment would prohibit the protections for civil unions that we already have, such as communities allowing insurance benefits for domestic partners; and

Whereas, this amendment could interfere with domestic violence protections for members of unmarried couples; and child custody and visitation rights that seek to protect the best interests of children; and

Whereas, this amendment harms vulnerable gay young people by sending a terrible message that their state and their neighbors consider them second-class citizens, undeserving of the basic rights and protections.

Whereas, recent polling indicates that more people were against the amendment than support it which means that we can defeat the effort to put discrimination into our constitution;

Therefore be it resolved, that the AAUW Tar Heel Branch pledges its resources and will focus its efforts to defeat this amendment; and

Therefore be it finally resolved, that the AAUW Tar Heel Branch encourages other AAUW North Carolina members to work to defeat the amendment by doing the following:
- o Bring awareness of the pitfalls of the amendment to their branch and their community;
- o Organize actions to bring attention to the amendment;
- o Get out the vote to defeat this amendment;
- o Join in coalition with other organizations working against the amendment