

# Resolution #15

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## MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Submitted by: Office and Professional Employees International Union

**WHEREAS**, the denial of marriage equality hurts not just individuals, but also family members, neighbors and co-workers who care about the well-being of same-sex couples and the children in their care; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic partnership and civil union laws bring welcome recognition to such families, there is no substitute for marriage. No legal mechanism for protecting families is as widely accepted or has as clear legal precedent and meaning as does marriage. Denying access to marriage for loving, committed same-sex couples discriminates against them and relegates them to second-class citizenship; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New York State AFL-CIO hereby express its commitment to equal rights for all union members, including LGBT members; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the New York State AFL-CIO support loving, committed same-sex couples having equal access to legal marriage, and oppose laws and constitutional amendments that deny that opportunity; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that the New York State AFL-CIO call upon the New York State Legislature and Governor to enact a law providing marriage equality for all citizens. The New York State AFL-CIO pledges to work aggressively to achieve this goal and urges all of the delegates to this New York State AFL-CIO Convention to adopt and support this resolution.

- Adopted
- Adopted as Amended
- Defeated

- Tabled
- Precluded by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_