



POLICY RESOLUTION

NEW YORK STATE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

WHEREAS, the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont and Maine all recognize or shall soon recognize marriage equality for same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, same-sex marriage equality votes have taken place in the New York State Assembly in 2007 and 2009, showing convincing majorities in favor of equality; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1,000 Federal and New York State rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities that are denied unmarried couples; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of gay and lesbian couples in New York State, many of who are raising children, who do not have the same financial and legal protections from which heterosexual married couples benefit; and

WHEREAS, voters are entitled to know how their legislators stand on this important issue; and

WHEREAS, polls now show that a majority of New Yorkers support marriage equality; and

WHEREAS, a vote has not been allowed by New York State, Senate Majority Leader, Malcolm A. Smith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Chelsea Reform Democratic Club call on New York State, Senate Majority Leader, Malcolm A. Smith and the New York State Senate to immediately schedule a vote on Marriage Equality as passed by the New York State Assembly.

Submitted by,
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