

**SGR-13-03**  
**May 10, 2013**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY**

- WHEREAS,** The mission of California State University Channel Islands (CI) Student Government (SG) is to place the students at the center of our educational experience by leading with integrity and selflessly serving the students and the University on a local, state, and national level; and
- WHEREAS,** CI SG serves as the official representative voice of CI students; and
- WHEREAS,** CI SG is an entity of Associated Students of California State University Channel Islands, Incorporated (ASI); and
- WHEREAS,** CI SG strives to facilitate and promote community by providing a safe and comfortable campus environment; and
- WHEREAS,** CI's student population is composed of students with gender and sex diversities, including but not limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, pansexual, and intersex students; and
- WHEREAS,** The denial of equal marriage rights to same-gender couples hinders the acceptance of students of all gender and sex diversities; and
- WHEREAS,** Same-gender marriages are not legally recognized by the state of California or the United States federal government; and
- WHEREAS,** Same-gender couples cannot legally marry in California; and
- WHEREAS,** While civil unions and domestic partnership laws do extend local and state benefits and protections, they maintain an unequal legal status for same-gender couples; and
- WHEREAS,** The denial of equal marriage rights harms not only same-gender couples, but also all family members, neighbors, co-workers, and students who care about their well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** Marriage offers over one thousand state and federal legal and economic benefits and protections, including access to health care, financial aid, hospital visitation rights, parenting rights, adoption and foster care rights, immigration rights, property rights, as well as rights in the workplace, all of which are vital to students and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Supreme Court has held that marriage is a key civil right and wrote in  *Loving v. Virginia* , "Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man'"; and
- WHEREAS,** Laws prohibiting same gender marriage, or establishing a distinction between the marriage of same gender couples and opposite gender couples, are inconsistent with the language of the 14th Amendment that guarantees equal protection of the law to all persons; and

- WHEREAS,** The CI College Democrats, CI College Republicans, CI Young Americans for Liberty, and CI Spectrum clubs hosted an inclusive, collaborative, and non-partisan event entitled *Of Many, We Are One*, in which CI students voiced their support for marriage equality; and
- WHEREAS,** 996 CI students, faculty, staff, and administrators signed a student-run petition stating their support for marriage equality; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That CI SG affirms the equal rights of all students, faculty, staff, and administrators at CI, as well as those of all people, including but not limited to those identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, pansexual, and intersex, and people with any other gender or sex; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That CI SG supports the right of same-gender couples to access all benefits, protections, responsibilities, and legal commitments of civil marriage; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That CI SG supports full legal recognition of marriage between same-gender couples across all governments, including but not limited to the state of California, the United States federal government, and all other states and jurisdictions comprising the United States of America.
- RESOLVED,** That the CI SG Director of Operations distribute copies of this resolution widely, including, but not limited to: California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees; the California State Student Association (CSSA); Dr. Richard R. Rush, President of CSU Channel Islands; all CI Division Vice Presidents; CI ASI Professional staff members; CI NSOTP; CI Multicultural Programs; ASI Board of Directors; CSU Associated Students organizations; CI View Student Newspaper; Island News; CI Housing and Residential Education Professional Staff; CI Alumni & Friends Association; CI College Democrats Club; CI College Republicans Club; CI Young Americans For Liberty Club; CI Spectrum Club.

**Approved by the President:**



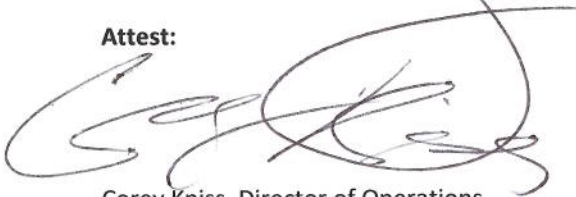
David Ashley, President

**Approved by vote of the Senate:**



Steven Jordan, Vice President

**Attest:**



Corey Kniss, Director of Operations