



**The Interfaith Alliance  
of Iowa &  
Action Fund**

## **PARTNERSHIP CIVIL RIGHTS**

The Interfaith Alliance of Iowa & Action Fund affirms:

- All people are created with inherent worth and dignity.
- Civil laws must equally protect all people to be free from discrimination.
- All people deserve to determine whom they love and with whom they wish to make a commitment of marriage.
- It is the responsibility of the government at all levels to provide equal protection to all citizens.

The Constitution of the state of Iowa states:

- All laws of a general nature shall have a uniform operation; the general assembly shall not grant to any citizen, or class of citizens, privileges or immunities, which, upon the same terms shall not equally belong to all citizens. [Bill of Rights; Article 1, Section 6]
- All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights--among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness. [Bill of Rights; Article 1; Section 1]

Based on the above, The Interfaith Alliance of Iowa & Action Fund:

- **Supports** amending the Iowa Code to recognize and protect the privileges and rights of individuals in long-term, committed partnerships, regardless of the gender of each partner, equal to those privileges and rights of individuals civilly married.
- **Opposes** legislation that would further restrict the civil right to marry for individuals of the same gender, including but not limited to Amendments to the Iowa or United States Constitution.

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*The mission of The Interfaith Alliance of Iowa & Action Fund is  
to promote the positive and healing role of religion in public life by encouraging civic participation,  
facilitating community activism, and challenging political extremism based on religion.*