



## POLICY RESOLUTION

### DOMA REPEAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The dishonestly named "Defense of Marriage Act" or "DOMA" was passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton in 1996 barring same-sex couples from any Federal recognition or recognition by non-marriage states in direct violation of the Equal Protection and Full Faith and Credit clauses respectively under the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Deprivation of same-sex couples to marry and/or receive Federal benefits does nothing to harm or undermine heterosexual unions; and

WHEREAS, Deprivation of Federal benefits to same-sex couples serves to unjustly enrich heterosexual couples at the expense and legal detriment of same-sex couples and their children; and

WHEREAS, There are over 1,000 Federal rights, benefits, protections and responsibilities of marriage that are denied unmarried couples and their children including crucial family protections and safety nets such Social Security, pension benefits, hospital visitation, guardianship rights, health insurance, veterans benefits, and retirement account and tax benefits and deductions; and

WHEREAS, President Obama repeatedly promised during the campaign for the wholesale repeal of DOMA; and

WHEREAS, We are shocked and dismayed by the Obama Administration's failure to act and by his Administration's gratuitous libel leveled against the gay community during litigation defending DOMA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the Chelsea Reform Democratic Club call on President Obama and the entire United States Congress and Senate to act immediately for the repeal of the inaccurately named and highly-discriminatory "Defense of Marriage Act".

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