

AS ADOPTED: June 5th, 2004
By the 2004 Brunswick Nominating Convention

Proposal IDB #03-5: 69
offered by Denice Traina

To provide for the opposition of the Georgia Green Party to a proposed Constitutional Amendments appearing on the 2004 General Election ballot; to authorize the expenditure of Party funds and the utilization of Party resources to campaign in opposition to the ratification of such Amendment; and for other purposes.

A Resolution of the
Nominating Convention of
The Georgia Green Party

Whereas, the Georgia General Assembly has, by passage of SR-595, the so-called marriage amendment, placed on the 2004 General Election ballot for ratification by the electors of Georgia a proposed Constitutional Amendment to provide that Article I. of the Georgia Constitution shall be amended by adding a new Section IV., to read:

"SECTION IV.
MARRIAGE

Paragraph I. *Recognition of marriage.* (a) This state shall recognize as marriage only the union of man and woman. Marriages between persons of the same sex are prohibited in this state.

(b) No union between persons of the same sex shall be recognized by this state as entitled to the benefits of marriage. This state shall not give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other state or jurisdiction respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other state or jurisdiction. The courts of this state shall have no jurisdiction to grant a divorce or separate maintenance with respect to any such relationship or otherwise to consider or rule on any of the parties' respective rights arising as a result of or in connection with such relationship."; and

Whereas, the existing Platform – 2003 of the Georgia Green Party states in our Family Plank, that “We recognize a right to marry or to form similar committed relationships, regardless of sexual orientation, gender or gender identity. We will support appropriate changes to Georgia’s Marriage Statutes that will afford those state privileges and responsibilities, currently offered to married couples, to committed Domestic Partnerships.”

Resolved, that the 2004 Nominating Convention of the Georgia Green Party here commits the Party’s resources in opposition to the Constitutional Amendment placed on the ballot by the adoption of SR-595 which is scheduled for inclusion on the upcoming General Election ballot.

Resolved, that the candidates nominated or endorsed by the Party are urged to extend their leadership in the campaign opposed to the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment described above.

Resolved, that the staff and officers are instructed to support such coalitions as may develop in opposition to the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment described above.

Resolved, that the Quick Decision Council is authorized and encouraged to name one or more liaisons to each such coalition as may develop in opposition to the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment described above.