

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

Whereas, parody marriage is any form of marriage that does not involve one man and one woman;
and

Whereas, sexual orientation is a self-asserted sex-based identity narrative that is based on a series of naked assertions and unproven faith-based assumptions that are implicitly religious; and

Whereas, nonsecular policy is state action that endorses, respects, and recognizes the beliefs of a particular religion and where the preeminent and primary force driving the state's action is not genuine, but is a sham that ultimately has a primary religious objective; and

Whereas, parody marriages and parody marriage policies are nonsecular for the purposes of the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, secular policy is state action that is natural, neutral, noncontroversial, and based on self-evident truth, and where the preeminent and primary force driving the policy is genuine, not a sham, and not merely secondary to a religious objective; and

Whereas, marriages between a man and a woman and policies that endorse marriage between a man and a woman are secular in nature for purposes of the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution;
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Whereas, civilizations for millennia have defined marriage as a union between a man and a woman;
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Whereas, marriage between a man and a woman arose out of the nature of things and marriage between a man and a woman is natural, neutral and noncontroversial, unlike parody forms of marriage; and

Whereas, the state of Missouri has a duty under Article VI of the United States Constitution to uphold the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the First Amendment applies to the state of Missouri through the Fourteenth Amendment;
and

Whereas, the First Amendment, not the Fourteenth Amendment, has exclusive jurisdiction over which types of marriages the state can endorse, respect, and recognize; and

Whereas, all forms of parody marriage and self-asserted sex-based identity narratives and sexual orientations that fail to check out the human design are part of the religion of Secular Humanism; and

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court has found that Secular Humanism is a religion for the purpose of the Establishment Clause in *Torcaso v. Watkins*, 367 U.S. 488 (1961), and *Edwards v. Aguillard*, 482 U.S. 578 (1987); and

Whereas, the state of Missouri is prohibited from favoring or endorsing religion over nonreligion; and

Whereas, the state of Missouri's decision to respect, endorse, and recognize parody marriages and sexual orientation policies has excessively entangled the government with the religion of Secular Humanism, failed to accomplish its intended purpose, and created an indefensible legal weapon against nonobservers; and

Whereas, in the wake of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S.Ct. 2584 (2015), there has not been a land rush on gay marriage, but there has been a land rush on the persecution of nonobservers by Secular Humanists and an effort by Secular Humanists to infiltrate and indoctrinate minors in public schools to their religious world view, which is questionably moral, plausible, and obscene, and is not secular; and

Whereas, it is unsettled whether or not sexual orientation is immutable or genetic and is therefore a matter of faith; and

Whereas, parody marriages have never been a part of American tradition and heritage; and

Whereas, all forms of parody marriage erode community standards of decency and Missouri has a compelling interest to uphold community standards of decency under the Missouri Constitution; and

Whereas, parody marriage policies and sexual orientation statutes are nonsecular and policies that respect, endorse, and recognize a marriage between a man and a woman are secular; and

Whereas, in view of the First Amendment's Freedom of Expression Clause of the United States Constitution and the Missouri Constitution:

(1) Any person living in Missouri can cultivate any self-asserted sex-based identity narrative or self-asserted sexual orientation at will, even if it does not check out with the human design as a matter of self-evident observation; and

(2) Any person can conduct any form of marriage ceremony and other rituals that accords with their self-asserted sexual orientation and live as married persons do, as long as the ceremonies do not conflict with other parts of Missouri and federal law:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General

Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the State of Missouri to no longer respect, endorse, or recognize any form of parody marriage policies because parody marriages are nonsecular; and

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the Missouri General Assembly urge the State of Missouri to no longer enforce, recognize, or respect any policy that treats sexual orientation as a suspect class, because all such statutes lack a secular purpose; and

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the Missouri General Assembly urge the State of Missouri to enforce, endorse, and recognize marriages as between one man and one woman, because such marriage policies are secular, and accomplish nonreligious objectives; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Missouri Supreme Court.

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