



Coalition of Bar Associations of Color

## **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LGBT EQUALITY**

Endorsed March 2016

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), organized in 1992, is a coalition created to act as a collective voice for issues of common concern to its member organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the member organizations of the CBAC are the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA); and

**WHEREAS**, the member organizations of CBAC are the national voices of their respective legal communities in the United States and its territories and possessions; and

**WHEREAS**, CBAC recognizes that there are legal, cultural, and social issues specific to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer community;

**WHEREAS**, CBAC recognizes that LGBTQ people have a human right to be free from discrimination, threats, and violence based on their LGBTQ status and a constitutional right to be treated equally under the law;

**WHEREAS**, numerous jurisdictions have considered or are considering legislation that would discriminate against, harm, or otherwise deny equal rights for individuals who identify or are perceived as LGBTQ; and

**WHEREAS**, CBAC condemns all laws, regulations, and rules or practices that discriminate on the basis that an individual is LGBTQ.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CBAC urges the government, at local, state, tribal, and federal levels to repeal any existing discriminatory and unjust laws, regulations, and practices with deliberate speed and ensure the safety and equal protection under the law of all LGBTQ people; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CBAC urges the government, at local, state and federal levels, to work to defend and protect victims of anti-LGBTQ discrimination or conduct, including threats and violence, and to recognize and support their colleagues who take these cases as human rights advocates; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CBAC urges the government, other bar



associations and all attorneys in jurisdictions where there are such discriminatory laws or incidents of targeting of LGBTQ people to work to defend victims of anti-LGBTQ discrimination or conduct, and to recognize and support their colleagues who take these cases as human rights advocates; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be the legislative priority of the CBAC until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

**WE**, the duly-elected Presidents of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA), hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors.



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March 1, 2016  
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