

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Position Statement

NASW, Iowa Chapter, affirms the right of same-sex couples to enter into civil marriage and to receive all the accompanying rights, protections and privileges. The NASW position is based on the ethical principle of social justice, as stated in our Code of Ethics.

Recommendations

NASW, Iowa Chapter, recommends the following to support the right of same-sex couples to enter into civil marriage and to receive all accompanying rights, responsibilities, protections and privileges.

- Oppose a statewide referendum on a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, on the principle that civil rights should not be subject to a public vote.
- Uphold Section 216.7 of the Code of Iowa, which prohibits discrimination in public accommodations based on sexual orientation.
- Oppose removal of justices or judges solely because they have issued legal rulings in cases involving same-sex marriage.

The full version of this statement with references can be found at <https://nasw-heartland.site-ym.com/?183>