## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4211

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the 4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state 5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to 6 Article IV of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a 7 new section to read as follows:

Article IV, section . . . . Recognizing that marriage between 8 9 persons other than a male and a female has never been authorized or 10 recognized by law in this state, only marriage between a man and a 11 woman is valid and recognized in Washington. The uniting of two 12 persons other than one male and one female in any marital relationship, 13 although recognized as valid in another jurisdiction, is not recognized 14 as valid in this state. The provisions of this section shall supersede any other provision of this Constitution, including any conflicting 15 16 provisions in Article I, Article IV, and Article XXXI of this Constitution. 17

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause

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notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal newspaper in the state.

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