

**Ohio Faculty Council Resolution in support of HB 176 (The Equal Employment and Housing Act)**

**Whereas HB 176 adds sexual orientation and gender identity to existing Ohio anti-discrimination laws,**

**And whereas extension of anti-discrimination would extend basic civil rights protections to large numbers of individuals,**

**And whereas the extension of these civil rights would benefit the higher education community of Ohio by enabling the hiring and retention of highly qualified individuals for academic positions,**

**And whereas the Ohio Faculty Council represents the faculties of Ohio's state universities and medical schools,**

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Ohio Faculty Council endorses HB 176 (The Equal Employment and Housing Act) and urges its passage by the Ohio General Assembly.**

**Rudy Fenwick**

**Chair, Ohio Faculty Council**