

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE –
Highway/Facilities/Finance/Policy Addendum
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, June 14, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.**

*Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois*

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IX. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments:

E. Chair's Report

1. Proclamation Designating the Month of July 2011 as "Respect & Celebrate Civil Unions Month"

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**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JULY 2011 AS RESPECT &
CELEBRATE CIVIL UNIONS MONTH**

WHEREAS, A significant number of the adult population of the County of Champaign are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered; and

WHEREAS, Lesbians, gay men, bisexual persons and transgendered people make numerous contributions to the artistic, commercial, educational, political, religious and social life of Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, Under the Illinois Religious Protections and Civil Union Act same-sex couples have been obtaining civil union licenses for the first time in history from the Champaign County Clerk and have begun using these licenses for civil union ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, These civil unions are the legal equivalent of marriages under Illinois law with all the same State rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Champaign County Clerk Gordy Hulten, his staff, the UP Center of Champaign County, the NBF&M law firm and others celebrated the first thirteen same-sex couples to receive such licenses with a joyous party in the Lyle Shields meeting room on the morning of June 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Providing State legal recognition to the relationships of same-sex couples who are raising children together is in the best interest of their children; and

WHEREAS, On July 4th we will celebrate the foundation of that nation which provides the liberty and justice for all which made possible these historic events;

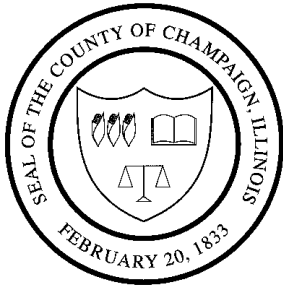
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Champaign County Board, that the month of July 2011 is designated as "Respect and Celebrate Civil Unions Month in the County of Champaign, Illinois."



ATTEST:

C. Pius Weibel, Chair
Champaign County Board

Gordy Hulten, County Clerk and
Ex-officio Clerk of the County Board



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VIII. Finance:

F. County Administrator

8. Request for Amendment to the County Clerk's Staffing Budget