



**AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**  
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## **American Anthropological Association Statement on Laws and Policies Discriminating against Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Persons**

(adopted January 1995)

WHEREAS the discipline of anthropology is the study of human commonalities and diversities;  
and

WHEREAS anthropology recognizes, accepts and values human diversity; and

WHEREAS some states and local municipalities have anti-sodomy laws and/or laws which  
exclude gay, lesbian and bisexual people from civil rights protection;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the American Anthropological Association will henceforth sign  
no contracts for any of its annual meetings in any state or local municipality which has such laws  
or policies discriminating against lesbian, gay or bisexual persons at the time of the signing the  
contract.

This resolution had been endorsed previously by the AAA Commission on Lesbian and Gay  
Issues in Anthropology and the AAA Executive Board. Ralph Bolton (Pomona) and Susan  
Philips (Arizona), the formal proposers of the resolution, explained the rationale for and  
importance of approving the resolution.

The resolution was approved unanimously.