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**OVER 1,000 ATTEND RALLY TO COME OUT ON THE
SIDE OF LOVE
PEOPLE FROM ACROSS SMALLTOWN SUPPORT FULL
EQUALITY FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND
TRANSGENDER PEOPLE**

SMALLTOWN, USA – Today, **Sunday, October 11th** people from all over Smalltown, USA rallied in support of equal treatment of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) people. Despite temperatures near freezing, over 1000 residents of Smalltown and surrounding communities attended the rally, which was held in conjunction with National Coming Out Day and Equality Across America’s National Equality March. Speakers at the event included Smalltown mayor **Joe Quimby** and **Reverend Lovejoy** of the Smalltown Unitarian Universalist Church.

“We’re here today to show love and support for our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender friends and family in Smalltown and across the US. No person should face discrimination or be denied equality because of their identity, so we’ve come to make our voices heard.”

The rally, which took place this afternoon **in Smalltown Park**, has been organized by Smalltown United and *Standing on the Side of Love*, a nationwide campaign which promotes equality for marginalized communities within the United States and “harnesses love’s power to stop oppression.” According to event organizer, **John Doe**, the rally was held to support equality in all matters of law for GLBT individuals, including marriage equality, the adoption of children and military service. It was one of over 50 which took place across the country today.

Standing on the Side of Love is a campaign sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association and promotes respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We believe that no person of any immigrant status, race, religion, gender and sexual orientation, ability level, or political view should be dehumanized through acts of exclusion, oppression, or violence.

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