

VT Ski Association Issues Invitation

In a press release titled "Vermont Welcomes All Skiers!", the Vermont Ski Areas Association (VSAA) issued an invitation to gay and lesbian skiers to come to Vermont, a state where "they can be sure their rights are protected."

The release comes on the heels of calls for a boycott of Colorado in response to the passage of Initiative 2 which repealed any civil rights protections for lesbians and gays in that state. Two gay groups have already announced cancellation of conferences scheduled for Colorado next year, and the cities of New York and Atlanta have also joined the boycott. Those supporting the boycott compare it to a similar action taken a few years ago against the state of Arizona, for its refusal to honor Martin Luther King Day.

In its release, VSAA points out that Vermont was the sixth state in the U.S. to pass gay rights legislation and that the law protects people on the basis of their sexual orientation and that, "Vermont is

the only major ski destination state to have gay rights legislation." In addition to giving the contact number for the VSAA, the release also gives the number of the Vermont Human Rights Commission for more information on the state's gay rights legislation.

The release, dated 12/7/92 was sent to gay and lesbian groups, publications, and travel agencies across the country as well as political groups such as the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), P-FLAG, and Human Rights Campaign Fund (HCRF).

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