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Michael K. Jeanes
Clerk of the Court
Maricopa County Superior Court
125 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003


Re: Marriage Licenses for Same Sex Couples

Dear Michael:

Pursuant to an injunction issued by the United States District Court for the District of Arizona in *Connolly v. Brewer*, 2:14-cv-00024-JWS, I am writing to inform you that Arizona courts can no longer treat marriage exclusively as "a union of one man and one woman" under Article 30 of the Arizona Constitution. The court has determined that both Article 30 and Section 25-101(C) of the Arizona Revised Statutes are invalid under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution to the extent that those laws prohibit or treat as void marriage between persons of the same sex.

Accordingly, and effective immediately, the clerks of Arizona county superior courts cannot deny a marriage license to any otherwise eligible licensees on the ground that the license permits a marriage between persons of the same sex.

Sincerely,


Attorney General Tom Horne

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