

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Memorializes the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will enable couples of the same sex to be sworn into legal marriage by affording the same legal rights and benefits to them as to any other couple in the state of Nevada by an amendment to the Nevada State Constitution.

WHEREAS; at present, the striking down of the Defense of Marriage Act has not affected the Nevada State Constitution Amendment which prohibited gay marriage since 2002; and

WHEREAS; Nevada is a domestic partnership state but denies couples the right of passage to marriage; and

WHEREAS; were it provided for them, couples of the same sex would have the same rights and protections guaranteed to heterosexual couples; and

WHEREAS; there are only 14 states and the District of Columbia that currently allow same-sex marriage; and

WHEREAS; twelve additional states are integrating same-sex marriage into society by 2014; and

WHEREAS; the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized marriage as one of the basic civil rights of man, fundamental to our very existence and survival; and

WHEREAS; marriage is one of the vital personal rights essential to the pursuit of happiness by free society; and

WHEREAS; states that have already enacted similar legislation have had very satisfactory results that have not affected economics, social welfare, or stability in a negative fashion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assemble din Carson City on July 5, 2013, that the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to enable couples of the same sex to be sworn into legal marriage by affording the same legal rights and benefits to them as to any other couple in the state of Nevada, by an amendment to the Nevada State Constitution.