

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Memorializes the 2011 Session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will legalize same-sex marriage by amending the *Constitution of the State of Nevada*, which states that only marriage between a man and woman will be recognized.

WHEREAS, The separation of Church and State as set forth in the First Amendment to the *United States Constitution* will no longer be violated; and

WHEREAS, The unconstitutionality of marriage denial to homosexuals in accordance to the due process and equal protection clauses will no longer be ignored; and

WHEREAS, Homosexuals are clearly capable of providing stable, and loving homes for the thousands of children in need of adoption; and

WHEREAS, The economy could benefit greatly from income taxes, marriage licenses, and decreased state benefit programs; and

WHEREAS, Psychological and physical health of these citizens have been immensely improved in cases of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Legal bigotry towards homosexuals could be ended; and

WHEREAS, On the occasion of the death of a partner, next of kin and bereavement leave would be granted; and

WHEREAS, In the even of illness, visitation rights would be granted; and

WHEREAS, Homosexuals' equality would be achieved; and

WHEREAS, The United States' commitment to liberty and equality will no longer be impaired; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City July 1, 2011 that the 2013 Session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to amend the *Constitution of the State of Nevada* by legalizing and/or recognizing same-sex marriages.