



Executive Mansion
Albany, New York 12202

February 12, 2007

Dear Friends:

We are delighted to extend warmest greetings to all attending this 10th anniversary celebration of Freedom to Marry Day – a cause near to our hearts and one that we strongly believe in. While we cannot be there, you can know that we join in the spirit of such a meaningful occasion.

Tonight we want to send special wishes to our friend and the founder of Freedom to Marry, Evan Wolfson, on celebrating his 50th birthday. Since attending law school with Evan, we have had the privilege of watching him develop into a national leader on marriage equality and role model for so many Americans. Evan, your contributions to this cause and this organization are truly invaluable. We salute you for your outstanding work and wish you a very happy 50th birthday.

This gathering is a wonderful expression of support for an issue we believe should be a freedom for all people. Tonight we celebrate with you our belief that the bonds of marriage are built upon the affirmed love, trust, and commitment of couples and should be a personal choice for all New Yorkers.

Warmest regards to everyone gathered in celebration of this joyous occasion.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Paterson".

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