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Love. COMMITMENT.



PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY.

Marriage matters because of the values we all share.

Marriage is unique and special. It says “we’re family” in a way that no other word can. It’s the ultimate expression of love and commitment and responsibility for another. It provides a strong foundation for a child’s place in the world. Marriage strengthens families, and strong families make strong communities.

Marriage matters in all of these ways – that’s why committed same-sex couples hope to be able to marry one day. It’s also why more and more Oregonians are joining the effort to extend civil marriage to our gay and lesbian neighbors.



Why does marriage matter to committed gay and lesbian couples?

There have been efforts, including Oregon’s domestic partnership law, to provide same-sex couples the basic protections that all other families rely on. Although they help, they fall short of the things that only marriage can provide – like the ability to speak for and be with your loved one in an emergency room, or a child’s knowledge that their family is as valid as other families.

There are many ways that only marriage can allow you to protect and care for the people you love. Being locked out of these basic protections means real harm to real people.

Fairness matters, too.

It’s as basic as the golden rule: treat others as we would want to be treated ourselves. Fairness and tolerance are basic Oregon values, and we honor these values when we ensure that all members of our community have the opportunity to create a family with the love, commitment and protection that only marriage can provide.

THINK ABOUT IT.
BECAUSE MARRIAGE MATTERS.



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