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Loving and romantic relationships are the foundation of a happy marriage; same-sex couples deserve the freedom to marry and have their loving commitments recognized.

EQUAL LOVE. EQUAL RIGHTS.

Access to **health insurance** through spouse's workplace | The right to **custody of children** after divorce | **Visitation** rights for non-biological children | Joint **parenting rights**, such as access to children's school records | Access to **life insurance** through spouse's workplace | **Burial determination** after the death of a spouse | Domestic violence **intervention** | **Sick leave** to care for spouse or non-biological child | **Legal validation** of a long-term relationship | Right to **shared property, child support and alimony** after divorce | Joint rental leases with **automatic renewal** rights if spouse leaves or dies | Access to **adopting and/or fostering** children | Ability to file **joint tax returns** | Access to **tax breaks** for married couples | **Veteran's discounts** based on spouse's armed forces status | Ability to file for **joint bankruptcy** | Ability to collect **unemployment benefits** after leaving a job to relocate because of spouse's job move | Automatic **next-of-kin status** for emergency medical decisions and hospital visitation | Ability to invoke **spousal privilege** in a court of law | **Bereavement leave** after death of a spouse | Access to spouse's **crime victim's recovery benefits** | Ability to file **wrongful death claims** | Ability to live in **neighborhoods deemed "families only"** | Prison **visitation** rights | **Immigration and residency** priority for spouses from other countries | Access to **reduced-rate memberships** at health clubs, social clubs and organizations | Ability to file **joint home and auto insurance** policies | Automatic **inheritance** of retirement savings tax-free after spouse's death | Access to **social security** after spouse's death | Automatic **exemption of property tax increases** on shared assets gained after spouse's death

1,138 Federal Rights & Hundreds of State Rights Denied to Same-Sex Couples