

# SAME-SEX MARRIAGE MILESTONES

STATE	DATE	MILESTONES
Alabama	February 9, 2015	Gay marriage is legal.
Alaska	October 12, 2014	A federal judge issues a ruling allowing gay marriages in the state after the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the week before that same-sex marriage bans violate the rights of gay couples.
Arizona	October 17, 2014	U.S. District Court Judge John Sedwick strikes down Arizona's gay marriage ban and declines to issue a stay of his ruling. The state's attorney general directs clerks to start issuing gay-marriage licenses.
Arkansas	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
California	June 28, 2013	Same-sex marriages resume in California.
Colorado	October 6, 2014	Following the ruling by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, gay marriage officially becomes legal as Atty. Gen. John Suthers says that all of the state's counties must issue marriage licenses for same-sex couples.
Connecticut	October 10, 2008	High court rules gay couples can marry.
Delaware	July 1, 2013	Gay marriage is legal.
District of Columbia	March 9, 2010	The District of Columbia joins Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont as the sixth place in the nation to allow gay marriage.
Florida	January 6, 2015	Gay marriage is legal.
Georgia	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Hawaii	November 13, 2013	Gay marriage is legal.
Idaho	October 15, 2014	County clerks begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples after the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the week before that same-sex marriage bans violate the rights of gay couples.
Illinois	June 1, 2014	Gay marriage is legal.
Indiana	October 6, 2014	The U.S. Supreme Court turns down pending appeals in gay marriage cases. The decision makes same-sex marriage legal in Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.
Iowa	April 3, 2009	High court overturns ban on gay marriage. Gay marriages begin later in the month.
Kansas	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Kentucky	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Louisiana	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Maine	November 6, 2012	Voters in Maine approve same-sex marriage.
Maryland	January 1, 2013	Gay marriage is legal in Maryland.
Massachusetts	May 17, 2004	Gay marriage is legal.
Michigan	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Minnesota	August 1, 2013	Gay marriage is legal.
Mississippi	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Missouri	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Montana	November 19, 2014	A federal judge strikes down the state's ban on same-sex marriage. U.S. District Judge Brian Morris rules that the ban violates the equal protection clause in the 14th Amendment. The court's ruling is effective immediately.
Nebraska	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Nevada	October 9, 2014	Nevada begins issuing marriage licenses after the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals declares same-sex marriages legal in the state.
New Hampshire	January 1, 2010	Law allowing same-sex marriage goes into effect.
New Jersey	October 21, 2013	Gay marriage is legal.
New Mexico	December 19, 2013	New Mexico's high court rules it is unconstitutional to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples, legalizing gay unions in the state.
New York	July 24, 2011	New York's law allowing same-sex marriage goes into effect.
North Carolina	October 10, 2014	A federal District Court judge rules that the state's ban on gay marriages is unconstitutional, and officials begin issuing marriage licenses.
North Dakota	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Ohio	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Oklahoma	October 6, 2014	The U.S. Supreme Court turns down pending appeals in gay marriage cases. The decision makes same-sex marriage legal in Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin and Indiana.
Oregon	May 19, 2014	Federal judge overturns Oregon gay marriage ban; licenses issued.
Pennsylvania	May 20, 2014	A federal judge in Harrisburg, Pa., rules that Pennsylvania's 1996 ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional.
Rhode Island	August 1, 2013	Gay marriage is legal.
South Carolina	November 20, 2014	In a 7-2 decision the U.S. Supreme Court denies an emergency stay of same-sex marriages. The ruling clears the way for officials to begin issuing marriage licenses.
South Dakota	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Tennessee	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Texas	June 26, 2015	The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marriage.
Utah	October 6, 2014	The U.S. Supreme Court turns down pending appeals in gay marriage cases. The decision makes same-sex marriage legal in Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, Indiana and Oklahoma.
Vermont	April 7, 2009	Gay marriage is legalized.
Virginia	October 6, 2014	The U.S. Supreme Court turns down pending appeals in gay marriage cases. The decision makes same-sex marriage legal in Virginia, Wisconsin, Indiana, Oklahoma and Utah.
Washington	November 6, 2012	Voters in Washington approve same-sex marriage.
West Virginia	October 9, 2014	The state's attorney general says he will seek to end all litigation surrounding the ban on same-sex marriage, clearing the way for same-sex couples to get married.
Wisconsin	October 6, 2014	The U.S. Supreme Court turns down pending appeals in gay marriage cases. The decision makes same-sex marriage legal in Wisconsin, Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah and Virginia.
Wyoming	October 21, 2014	Wyoming Atty. Gen. Peter Michael says the state won't appeal the U.S. District Court ruling striking down the state's ban on same-sex marriage. Same-sex couples can apply for marriage licenses.

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