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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH  
CENTRAL DIVISION**

<p>JONELL EVANS, et al.  Plaintiffs  v.  STATE OF UTAH, et al.,  Defendants.</p>	<p><b>DECLARATION OF JONELL EVANS</b>          Case No. 2:14-cv-55 DAK</p>
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**JONELL EVANS** declares, deposes and states:

I am an adult resident of Salt Lake County and the State of Utah. I make this declaration based upon personal knowledge except for those matters set forth herein based on information and belief. If called to testify in this matter, I would testify as follows:

1. I am 61 years old.

2. I have been in a committed relationship with Stacia Ireland for 13 years.

3. I am an artist and a human resources director for a non-profit organization.

4. I have lived in Utah for my entire adult life. The home I share with Stacia home is located on property in West Valley City that has been in my family for generations. Much of our family lives in the same neighborhood.

5. In 2007 Stacia and I affirmed our commitment with a religious marriage ceremony at the Unitarian Church in Salt Lake City. Our commitment was not recognized by the State of Utah.

6. In 2009 Stacia and I had wills and medical powers of attorney drawn up. We knew other same-sex couples who had been treated as legal strangers by hospitals, and we wanted to prevent this from happening to us, should either of us be hospitalized.

7. In 2010 Stacia suffered a heart attack. Before we left for the hospital, I scrambled to locate the right papers. With documents in hand, the hospital tolerated my insistence that I stay by Stacia's side during her treatment. I do not feel, however, that the hospital staff treated me like they would treat a spouse. At times, it felt like I wasn't even in the room.

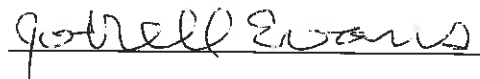
8. On December 20, 2013, I learned of the *Kitchen* decision. I rushed to the Salt Lake County building and called Stacia to meet me there. After standing in line for a few hours, we received our marriage license. Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker solemnized our marriage. We were surrounded by other couples and friends, all there to celebrate the right of same-sex couples to finally marry. The only downside to the whirlwind wedding was that our families could not make it there to witness our ceremony.

9. On January 1, 2014, I again had to rush Stacia to the emergency room because she was experiencing severe chest pains. Prior to our visit Stacia had informed the hospital that we had been married and during our stay in the hospital, I was afforded all the courtesies and rights given to the married spouse of a patient. For example, the hospital allowed me to sign paperwork for Stacia and consulted with me on all aspects of Stacia's treatment.

10. On the day after Governor Herbert directed State agencies to no longer recognize the marriages of same-sex couples in Utah, Stacia had to return to the hospital for a follow-up procedure. Once again, I had to face uncertainty and anxiety that the hospital would treat me like a non-entity instead of a spouse.

11. I now worry that during any future emergency hospital visits, and even during routine care, I will no longer be afforded the same protections as other spouses receive.

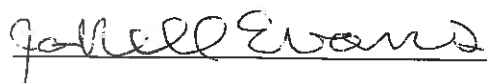
DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of February 2014.



JONELL EVANS

#### DECLARATION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, JONELL EVANS, hereby declare that the contents of the foregoing Declaration are correct and true under the pains and penalties of perjury.



JONELL EVANS

Affiant/Declarant