

**CELEBRATING
THE LEGALIZATION OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE
IN CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors has consistently supported the rights of same-sex couples over the years, from its pioneering domestic partners' ordinance in 1993 and its affirmation of San Francisco's bold celebration of such weddings in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the right to form a legal household, and to equal protection under the law, is the right of all couples as California citizens; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60,000 same-sex couples in the State of California are registered as domestic partners; and

WHEREAS, domestic partnership does not confer all of the same rights and responsibilities to couples that marriage does; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is now, at last, able to confer the rights and responsibilities of marriage on same-sex couples.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the historic California Supreme Court ruling upholding same-sex marriage, and the June 17 start of such weddings by the Marin County Clerk and by supportive Marin religious organizations.