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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
16 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

17 KRISTIN M. PERRY, SANDRA B. STIER,  
18 PAUL T. KATAMI, and JEFFREY J.  
ZARRILLO,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, in his official  
22 capacity as Governor of California; EDMUND  
G. BROWN, JR., in his official capacity as  
23 Attorney General of California; MARK B.  
HORTON, in his official capacity as Director of  
24 the California Department of Public Health and  
State Registrar of Vital Statistics; LINETTE  
25 SCOTT, in her official capacity as Deputy  
Director of Health Information & Strategic  
26 Planning for the California Department of Public  
Health; PATRICK O'CONNELL, in his official  
27 capacity as Clerk-Recorder for the County of  
Alameda; and DEAN C. LOGAN, in his official  
capacity as Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for  
the County of Los Angeles,

28 Defendants.

CASE NO. C 09-2292 VRW

**DECLARATION OF KRISTIN M. PERRY  
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION  
FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

1 I, Kristin M. Perry, declare as follows:

2 1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and could and would testify  
3 competently thereto if called upon to do so.

4 2. I have been in a committed, loving relationship with my domestic partner, Sandra B.  
5 Stier, since 2000. Together we have raised our four sons in Berkeley, California. Securing the  
6 official recognition of civil marriage and the benefits such recognition provides is very important to  
7 us and our family.

8 3. On February 21, 2004, we were one of the many couples that were married in  
9 San Francisco's City Hall after Mayor Gavin Newsom allowed same-sex couples to wed. In August  
10 of that same year, we renewed our vows in a large celebration with our friends and family. Over 100  
11 guests attended. Our beautiful children were in the wedding party. It was one of the happiest days of  
12 my life.

13 4. We were devastated, however, when the California Supreme Court struck the validity  
14 of our marriage down later that year. It was difficult to explain to our children that our marriage was  
15 no longer valid under the law. It was difficult to explain that we could not access the institution of  
16 civil marriage in the same way that most other Californians can and were instead relegated to second-  
17 class status.

18 5. On August 9, 2004, we registered as domestic partners with the State of California.  
19 Although California's domestic partner registry afforded us many of the rights given to heterosexual  
20 couples, the fact that we were not given the freedom to marry makes us feel like second-class  
21 citizens.

22 6. Sandra and I were both overjoyed when the California Supreme Court ruled in May  
23 2008 that denying marriage to same-sex couples was unconstitutional. We had planned renewing our  
24 vows, but also knew that Proposition 8 was waiting in the wings. Accordingly, we were not  
25 interested in running out and getting married again, only to be disappointed once more.

26 7. On November 4, 2008, Proposition 8 passed and foreclosed our chance to wed.

27 8. On May 21, 2009, we went to the office of the Clerk-Recorder for Alameda County  
28 and filled out an application for a marriage license.

