

ACLU of Nevada

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

EQUALITY VICTORIES

The 79th legislative session was a landmark year for equality in Nevada. Governor Brian Sandoval signed almost every pro-LGBTQIA bill this session. Here are the bills the ACLU of Nevada worked on that will impact you and your loved ones:

AJR 2: **Passed**

This resolution will remove discriminatory marriage language from the state constitution, by changing Nevada's definition of marriage amendment to recognize all marriages regardless of gender. This resolution will need to pass again next legislative session then it will be sent to the voters.

AB 229: **Passed**

Removes the prohibition on same-sex marriage from Nevada Revised Statutes and further provides for the recognition of all marriages regardless of gender, bringing the state in compliance with the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

SB 110: **Passed**

Exempts a person from the publication requirement for a name change if the reason for the change is to conform with their gender identity. With the rise in violence against transgender persons, particularly transgender women of color, it is imperative that we pass policies to protect the privacy rights of those who are only seeking to be their authentic selves.

SB 201: **Passed**

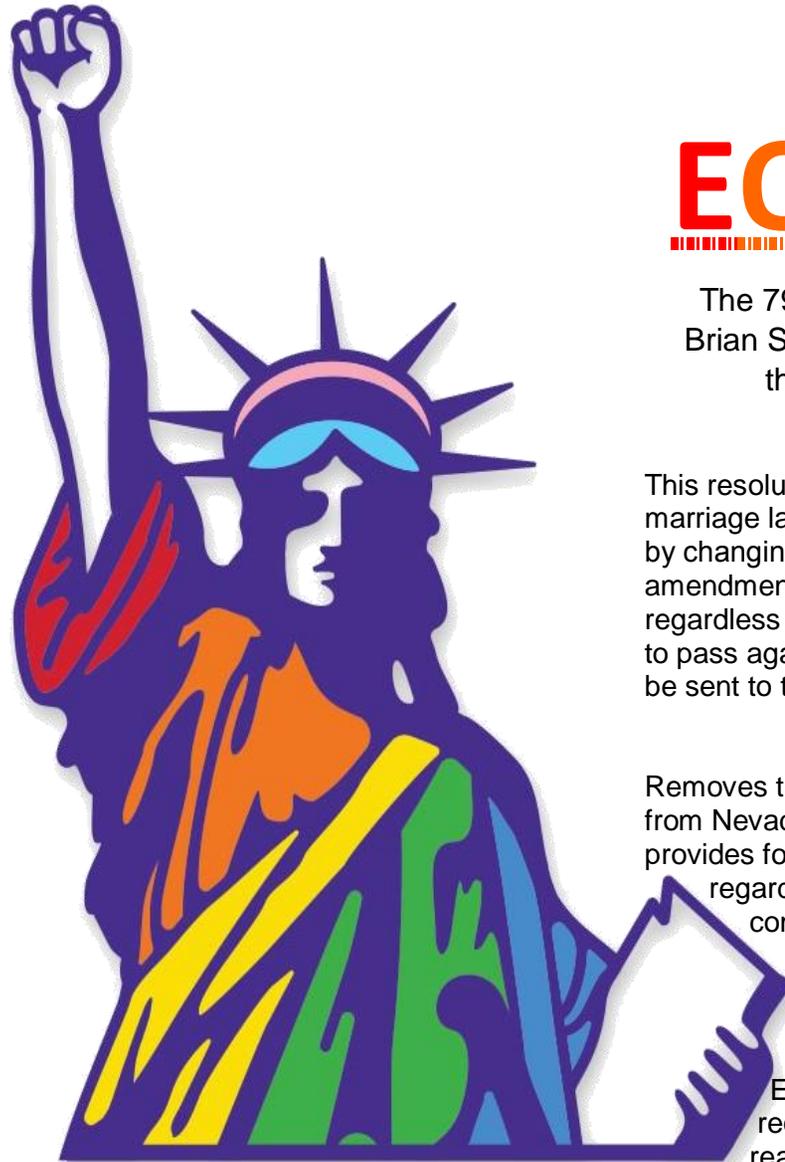
Long-time LGBTQIA rights champion Senator David Parks sponsored a bill banning conversion therapy of minors. Nevada's LGBTQIA children will no longer be forced into harmful, scientifically debunked conversion therapy practices thanks to this bill.

AB 99: **Passed**

Too many LGBTQIA children in the foster care system end up in homes where they are either not welcome or where well-meaning foster parents simply do not understand the unique needs of their child. This bill requires that foster parents be trained on caring for LGBTQIA children and requires that certain state institutions treat a child according to their gender identity.

AB 348: **Failed, Vetoed by Governor**

The governor vetoed a very watered-down version of Assemblywoman Amber Joiner's medically accurate and inclusive sex education bill. The bill would have prohibited exclusionary and discriminatory materials and teaching practices. Because of the governor's veto, schools in Nevada will continue to teach outdated, medically inaccurate, discriminatory sex-education, while students fail to receive the information they need to keep themselves safe.



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