

RESOLUTION NO. 643

**A RESOLUTION IN COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION OF
MARRIAGE EQUALITY**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eureka Springs, Arkansas was the first and only City Council in Arkansas:

--- To officially endorse universal civil marriage for all otherwise qualified adult Arkansans and all Americans by adopting Resolution No. 608 (2012); and

--- To enact the state's first and only Domestic Partnership Ordinance, No. 2052 (2007); and

— To provide access to health insurance for the Domestic Partners of City Workers (2011); and

— To amend its equal employment opportunity policy prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation via Ordinance No. 2062 (2006); and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2014 Eureka Springs became the first city in Carroll County, in all of Arkansas and in the entire Southern half of the United States in which same-sex couples were granted marriage licenses by the office of the County Clerk of Carroll County; and

WHEREAS, commemorating that historic occasion with a public celebration is right and fitting for a city that places a premium on equality and recognizes "marriage is a powerful and important affirmation of love and commitment and a source of social support and recognition."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS ARKANSAS, THAT:

We congratulate all same-sex newlyweds licensed to marry and/or married in Eureka Springs and elsewhere throughout Arkansas on and after May 10, 2014 and welcome them, their friends and families to celebrate at the "Married To Equality" reception in Eureka Springs on August 2, 2014.

ATTEST:



Ann Armstrong
City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:



Morris Pate
Mayor

Aldermen voting "Aye" – David Mitchell, Joyce Zeller, Mickey Schneider, James DeVito, and Terry McClung

Alderman voting "No" – Dee Purkeypile