



A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Washington, there was submitted to the electorate of the State of Washington for their approval or rejection at the state general election held on the 6th day of November, 2012, a referendum measure, identified as Referendum Measure No. 74 and entitled:

“The legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 concerning marriage for same-sex couples, modified domestic-partnership law, and religious freedom, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this bill.

This bill would allow same-sex couples to marry, preserve domestic partnerships only for seniors, and preserve the right of clergy or religious organizations to refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate any marriage ceremony.”

WHEREAS, Sam Reed, as Secretary of State, has on the 5th day of December, 2012, canvassed the votes cast on this measure at the state general election and certified that 1,659,915 votes were cast in favor of Referendum Measure No. 74 and 1,431,285 votes were cast against Referendum Measure No. 74; and

WHEREAS, as appears from this certification, a majority of the votes cast on this proposition at the state general election were in favor of its adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim that the proposed law as set forth in Referendum Measure No. 74 was approved by the voters of the State of Washington.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed this 5th day of December, 2012.


CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE
Governor

ATTEST:


SAM REED
Secretary of State