SUCCESS STORY

SILVER STATE EQUALITY

Thanks largely to Nevada State Senator David Parks, one of Nevada’s legislative giants, and an LGBTQ+ ally and champion, there are many foundational non-discrimination protections in place in the Silver State.

Over the years, legislators and advocates have worked together to make Nevada the best place to live for LGBTQ+ people. Last year, Nevada became the first and only state in the U.S. to remove discriminatory language in our state Constitution, through a ballot measure, that said marriage is only between one man and one woman.

In 2021, while many other states played defense against anti-trans legislation and other harmful bills directed at LGBTQ+ people, we were fortunate to have Governor Sisolak sign into law nearly 20 pro-equality bills focused on HIV modernization, LGBTQ+ inclusive data collection, multi-family adoption, inclusive school curriculums, single-stall bathrooms, HIV/STI testing, a bill that allows pharmacists to prescribe PrEP and PEP, and more.

Despite these achievements, we still have a lot of work ahead to ensure full-lived equality for all LGBTQ+ Nevadans. Therefore, in collaboration with our partners, we will now focus on legislation that requires health insurance to cover gender-affirming care, and we will champion legislation that requires the Department of Corrections to adopt standards and practices that ensure protections for inmates who are transgender.

Silver State Equality remains steadfast in its mission to create a healthy, just, and fully equal world for all LGBTQ+ people.

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