

JANUARY 1, 1973
MARYLAND BECOMES THE FIRST STATE TO STATUTORILY BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1961
THE FIRST U.S. TELEVISED DOCUMENTARY ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY AIRS ON A LOCAL STATION IN CALIFORNIA.

MARCH 2, 1982
WISCONSIN BECOMES THE FIRST STATE TO OUTLAW DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

APRIL 26, 2000
VERMONT BEING COMES THE FIRST STATE TO LEGALIZE CIVIL-UNIONS BETWEEN SAME-SEX COUPLES.

MAY 17, 2004
THE FIRST LEGAL SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE UNITED STATES OCCURS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
"DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" IS REPEALED, ENDING A BAN ON GAY MEN AND LESBIANS FROM SERVING OPENLY IN THE MILITARY.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY BECOMES THE FIRST MAJOR U.S. POLITICAL PARTY IN HISTORY TO PUBLICLY SUPPORT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ON A NATIONAL PLATFORM AT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

JUNE 26, 2015
THE SUPREME COURT RULES THAT STATES CANNOT BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE.



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