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MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA CELEBRATES NEW YORK STATE SENATE'S PASSAGE OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY ACT

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San Francisco: Marriage Equality USA applauds the passage of equal marriage rights today in New York. The Marriage Equality Act has now passed the New York State Senate, thanks to support from both Democrats and Republicans.

"Today is a great day for New Yorkers and for Americans everywhere who celebrate equality under the law. Thanks to bi-partisan support, New York will become the largest state in our union to provide equal marriage rights for all," said John Lewis, Marriage Equality USA's Legal Analyst.

"New York legislators have reached across the aisle so that loving, committed same-sex couples can walk down the aisle and finally live their happily ever after. We look forward to the day when Proposition 8 is struck down for good, so that we can truly have marriage equality from sea to shining sea," noted Stuart Gaffney, Marriage Equality USA's Media Director.

"Gov. Cuomo introduced this bill by saying, 'Marriage Equality is the next chapter of our civil rights story,'" added Gaffney. "Marriage discrimination is now coming to an end in the Empire State, and today there is more reason than ever to say I Love New York!"

Founded in 1998, Marriage Equality USA® is a national grassroots organization whose mission is to secure legally recognized civil marriage equality for all, at the federal and state level, without regard to gender identity or sexual orientation. For more information about Marriage Equality USA®, go to www.marriageequality.org.