

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
THIRD DIVISION

M. Kendall Wright, et al.,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

The State of Arkansas, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 60CV-13-2662


**AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENDANT MELINDA
REYNOLDS IN SUPPORT OF HER
OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER AND PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION**

1. My name is Melinda Reynolds, and I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and matters of which I am reliably informed.
2. Since January 1993, I have served as the Faulkner County Clerk.
3. In my capacity as Faulkner County Clerk, I have a nondiscretionary, ministerial duty to issue marriage licenses in accordance with the requirements and restrictions imposed by state law.
4. Because state law has always required marriage license applicants to be a couple of the opposite sex, I have never had any authority to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.
5. None of my duties as Clerk involve recognizing or recording marriage licenses from other states. I have no authority to recognize or record a marriage license issued by another state, regardless of whether the license was issued to an opposite-sex or a same-sex couple. There are no circumstances in which I, as the Faulkner County Clerk, or any

of my agents or representatives, would be authorized to recognize a marriage license issued by another state or other foreign jurisdiction.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing matters that are within my knowledge are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATED: August 30, 2013.


Melinda Reynolds
Faulkner County Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 30th day of August, 2013.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 1/15/23

