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### **MARRIAGE EQUALITY PASSES**

CONGRATULATIONS to the Cuomo Administration and supporters for fighting for equality.

HISTORY has been made. On June 24, 2011 the New York Senate voted on and passed the Marriage Equality Act, which will make New York the 6th and largest state where same-sex couples can get married. Governor Cuomo signed bill on Friday which will take effect on July 24th, 30 days after the bill was signed into law.

After years of having same-sex marriage bills rejected by the senate Governor Cuomo's efforts for social justice is finally a reality for many gay couples. While BiasHELP proudly supports same-sex marriage, we work to support the needs of the LGBT community year round. BiasHELP provides LGBT focused initiatives that include workshops, staff development trainings, and technical assistance for individuals, schools, and organizations on topics such as homophobia, stereotyping, bullying/technobullying, and discrimination based on sexual orientation. Additionally, BiasHELP created the nationally recognized Mirror Images Diversity Training Education DVD Series that is used as a diversity training tool in the classrooms and by HR professionals across the US.

The Cuomo Administration and supporters of this bill have made history achieving marriage equality for LGBT couples in New York State. Governor Cuomo stated "For too long, same-sex couples have been denied the freedom to marry, as well as hundreds of rights that other New Yorkers take for granted".

BiasHELP, Inc is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to preventing and addressing discrimination, harassment and violence. Utilizing a team of skilled educators, BiasHELP conducts specially tailored trainings on bullying/technobullying as well as trainings on racism, sexism, anti-semitism, homophobia and other forms of discrimination. For more information on BiasHELP's anti-bias programming and efforts, including Mirror Images, please visit [www.biashelp.org](http://www.biashelp.org), [www.mirrorimagesdvd.com](http://www.mirrorimagesdvd.com) or call our toll free number at 877-END-BIAS (363-2427).