

# **EXHIBIT 12**

**DECLARATION OF  
ROBIN REECE**

I, Robin Reece, hereby declare that the following facts are true under the penalty of perjury:

1. My name is Robin Reece. I am an adult woman and am competent to testify to the following facts based on my personal knowledge:
2. I have lived in Flagstaff, Arizona since 1988.
3. Since I was in middle school I knew I was attracted to girls. When I was a junior in high school I announced to my parents that I was gay. This was not a choice – it is simply who I am.
4. I have been in a committed, exclusive and intimate relationship with a woman named Renee Kaminski for the last six and a half years. We have lived together since 2007.
5. We have joint personal bank accounts, joint business bank accounts, and we jointly own other assets.
6. We share in all matters concerning the running of our household including the raising of children.
7. We would have married in Arizona long ago had the law allowed for it.
8. Renee and I were dismissed from leadership positions in our church when the minister realized the nature of our relationship.
9. Renee and I co-own and run a successful photography business and Renee also works as a part time registered nurse.
10. Like many other loving, committed couples Renee and I decided to have a child and raise a family together.
11. Seeking to have a child together, Renee assisted in artificially inseminating me and we now have a three year old son named Austin.

12. Renee was denied hospital visitation privileges when Austin had to be flown to Phoenix shortly after his birth for emergency treatment. Early visitation was limited to only legally recognized parents.

13. Renee is a full mother in fact, yet she has no way to legally establish those rights and responsibilities. Arizona law prohibits Renee from being placed on Austin's birth certificate as a parent.

14. We have been excluded from family reunions as some of our family members refuse to be present if we are invited.

15. Renee and I are concerned that should anything happen to me, that some of my family members may attempt to take Austin away from Renee. Renee has no automatic rights as a parent with any of Austin's future schools, and will have no automatic rights to be included in medical decisions unless I am present, and her rights to Austin, should I not be around, are extremely uncertain.

16. Because of Arizona's refusal to let us legally marry, we cannot benefit from the filing of joint state tax returns, obtain health insurance at beneficial family rates, and are forced to manufacture contractual agreements to protect our rights that are unnecessary for any opposite sex married couples.

17. I am saddened, hurt and angered that the State of Arizona will not allow me to marry my life's partner. I feel that our relationship is deemed as somehow less worthy and unequal to other relationships that have been formalized through marriage. Arizona's discrimination impacts Renee and me, and in particular our son Austin, because we all suffer from the stigma that we feel. We want to be treated equally to other married couples.

18. On January 24, 2014, Renee and I went to the Clerk of the Coconino County Superior Court and applied for a marriage license. We were politely refused a license by Clerk of Court Deborah Young who stated that Arizona law prohibited her from issuing a marriage license to same sex couples.

*Pursuant to 28 U.S.C., section 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.*

Executed on 3/14/14



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Robin Reece



*Robin & Renee in Hawaii 2013*