

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

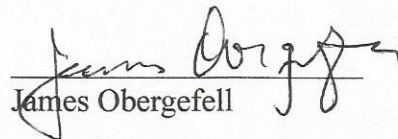
JAMES OBERGEFELL and	:	Case No.
JOHN ARTHUR,	:	
	:	Judge
Plaintiffs,	:	
	:	<u>DECLARATION OF JAMES</u>
vs.	:	<u>OBERGEFELL RE FUNERAL</u>
	:	<u>DIRECTOR</u>
JOHN KASICH, et al,	:	
	:	
Defendants.	:	

I, James Obergefell, under 28 U.S.C. §1746, declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the following is true and correct:

1. My name is James Obergefell and I am a plaintiff in the above action.
2. My husband, John Arthur, continues in hospice care. He is weaker and spends most of his time sleeping.
3. I have continued to make plans for John’s imminent death, including implementing his desire to be cremated.
4. I have been thinking about next steps for some time and researching the various funeral homes that are available to help us, including the Grunn Funeral Home.
5. Today I have retained the services of the Grunn Funeral Home and licensed funeral director Robert Grunn to assist me when John dies. Specifically, he will secure the death certificate for me and he will provide cremation and related services.

6. At John's death, Mr. Grunn will complete the application for John's death certificate and submit that application to Defendant Jones.
7. I will request that, on that application, Mr. Grunn list John as married and list me as his surviving spouse.
8. I want this process to proceed smoothly and I certainly do not want Mr. Grunn to get in any trouble or face any criminal prosecution in connection with his work on our behalf.
9. I am impressed by Mr. Grunn's professionalism and by his commitment to his clients, including his gay clients.
10. I presently know and continually meet new gay couples who live in Ohio but are married in states where same-sex marriage is authorized by law.
11. I will be referring these couples to Robert Grunn as they become in need of funeral services.

Dated: 14 October 2013


James Obergefell