**Slug: Same Sex Marriage in Oklahoma Name: Kyndal Irwin Date: 4-04-14**

**TULSA’S CHANNEL 10 NEWS!**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **ANCHOR ON CAMERA**  **(PAIGE)**  **ANCHOR ON CAMERA**  **(KYNDAL)**  **ANCHOR ON CAMERA**  **(PAIGE)**  **((TAKE PKG))**  **VO Kyndal**  **SOT Sally Kern**  **VO Kyndal**  **SOT Sally Kern**  **SOUND BITE**  **VO Kyndal**  **SOT ROBIN**  **VO KYNDAL**  **SOT JAYMIE**  **VO KYNDAL**  **SOT TIM HARRIS**  **VO KYNDAL**  **SOT PASTOR**  **SOT PASTOR**  **VO KYNDAL**  **SOT PASTOR**  **SOT REBEKA**  **VO KYNDAL**  **SOT Rebeka**  **SOT KIM**  **SOT TIM HARRIS**  **SOT KIM**  **SOT REBEKA**  **SOT TIM HARRIS**  **ANCHOR (PAIGE)**  **ANCHOR (KYNDAL)** | Same sex marriage has been a big topic across the US in the last decade. And in the last few years has become a topic in Oklahoma. Good Evening I’m Paige Delozier.  And I’m Kyndal Irwin thank you for joining us tonight.  While same sex marriage is something that is more common and talked about on the coasts and in the Midwest but not as much in the south until recently. Kyndal has more on that story.  Same sex couples all over the state want equal rights just like the marriages between a man and a woman have. But not everyone feels this way.    Two consenting individuals want to practice homosexuality that’s their business.  Oklahoma representative Sally Kern has certainly not been shy about her views on same sex marriage. She shocked the LGBT community back in 2008 when she announced that she thought, “the homosexual agenda is just destroying this nation.”  The homosexual activists are wanting to impose upon those who have a different moral view their view. They want from unmoral acceptance of their way they live and I can’t give that and I think that it’s wrong. I come from a mindset that there are moral absolutes and these moral absolutes were put in place by a moral God who changes not and his moral absolutes don’t change.  (TAKE PKG)  Same sex couple Jayme and Robin VanMeter are legally married in Iowa. But things get complicated when they are back in the sooner state.  I think it comes down to were all human beings it doesn’t matter what your bible says because your bible is there for other things besides jurisdiction. And I personally there would be no bigary towards it if the bible didn’t say anything about it. There is supposed to be separation between church and state and I don’t believe that happens in Oklahoma and the Bible belt states are going to be the ones pushing back the most because their bible says it three times.  Jayme is pregnant with their first child and that only complicates things more when it comes to the laws and the rights in their relationship.    The main reason I think it should be allowed is cause love is love. I love her and it doesn’t matter if I have that piece of paper or not it doesn’t define that I love her or not so.  Same sex marriage has not been voted on in Oklahoma since 2004 where over 70% voted against same sex marriage. District attorney Tim Harris says that although it’s been 10 years he believes that Oklahomans still feel this way and there is no need to change it.  I’m sure that there is a minority but I think in Oklahoma that if this vote were to come back before the people that it would still prevail that a marriage is between one man and one woman it’s a very interesting legal battle that is going on not only here but throughout the whole country. About the definition of marriage and whether or not states have to recognize these marriages between man and man and woman and woman from other jurisdictions whether were going to be forced to give certificates to a man and a man or a woman and a woman.  Not all churches are against same sex marriage like some may think. All Souls Unitarian Church in midtown Tulsa celebrates over 27 same sex couples with a church held engagement party.  (NAT SOUND REV.)  (NAT SOUND) We don’t not agree on this issue however that has never kept us from being respectful and working together on issues in this community that we do agree on.  Well tonight we have clergy of many different dominations mostly Christian clergy from many dominations but also Jewish and others who have gathered here to let the community know that they are in support of marriage equality and looking forward to the day that it is legal in Oklahoma where we can officiate legal same sex ceremonies.  (NAT SOUND CROWD CLAPPING)  27 couples here tonight and we are celebrating them well do a blessing for them and a toast for them and were throwing a party for them to say hey there are a lot of congregations and religious people and people with strong values that support them and respect them and their families.  Members and clergy members from all over the city were there to show their support and approval to these couples.  Its just important I think that we embrace it. I think its cool that Oklahoma is embracing marriage equality before a lot of other states it looks like well at least its becoming legal well I don’t know if its being embraced by everyone but at least its being embraced by a lot of people here and a lot of congregations here across Oklahoma.  We have a kid together we own a home together so its just really complicated.  Approval from members of the community and support from church leaders is really important to Kim and Rebeka.  I think the biggest thing for me was to see all the ministers on the stage and to know that there is that many ministers in Tulsa who support our family who see us like I said as normal and healthy and just one of the families.  Religion is a big part of being in Oklahoma and its something that is very important to a lot of Oklahomans so to be able to see that support from that community is great because you have to have church support for anything to happen here that’s very important.  From a biblical standpoint as a Christian and you can say what you will but propagation of species is dependent on a man and a woman coming together and having children and a man and a man cant do that, a woman and a woman cant do that so when you boil it down to very natural law that creates human kid is seems to fly in the face of that.  I think a lot of times people use their religion or their faith to say that were not a family that we shouldn’t be able to be a family so to be around people who have that faith and able to be a family just like any other family is great.  It gives us hope.  I understand all the other arguments that have been made but when you look at how the population of the world is going to keep on keeping on, it’s only going to be between a man and a woman. So for that reason and I’m sure many others but for that basic reason based in natural law, I think it needs to be maintained the way it is in Oklahoma now.  (BACK TO THE STUDIO)  We want to know what you think text yes or no to 555-rsu1 and let us know if you think that same sex marriage should be legalized in Oklahoma.  Thank you for joining us tonight we’ll be back here at 6 right after The Big Bang Theory.  (Credits) |
|  |  |