



EXECUTIVE ORDER

Nº. 38

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
IN REGARDS TO BIGOTED AND UNNECESSARY MARRIAGE RESTRICTIONS**

November 22, 2019

WHEREAS, love, in all its forms, is valid, and

WHEREAS, it is possible to love more than one person, and

WHEREAS, there is no legitimate reason to prevent multiple people from entering into one relationship, so long as that relationship is consensual, and

WHEREAS, many of the issues that people have with bigamous and polygamous marriages come up just as often in monogamous ones, and

WHEREAS, my administration will not stand for the unnecessary shaming of others' lifestyle choices, when these lifestyles do not affect the safety or happiness of others, and

WHEREAS, while I hope the Assembly will overturn these archaic passages in our criminal code, there are people right now who will benefit from swift action.

I. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE

1. The Justice Department shall not prosecute any violations of [720 ILCS 5/11-45](#), nor any other polygamy or bigamy related criminal offenses.
2. Additionally, the Justice Department shall treat the denial of a marriage license to bigamous or polygamous individuals as a violation of the [Illinois Human Rights Act](#), if

the denial should be based solely on the fact that the relationship is comprised of more than 2 individuals.

II. RECOGNITION

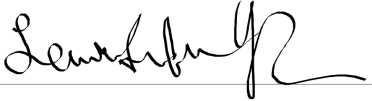
The State of Lincoln shall henceforth recognize polygamous and bigamous marriages from other states, so long as such unions are legal in the state of origin.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Executive Order shall be of full force and effect upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

IV. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Executive Order is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leaven Silva", is written over a horizontal line.

LeavenSilva_42, Governor