

**MAYORAL STATEMENT ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE  
IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

**Friday, March 05, 2004**

**Attorney General Elliott Spitzer has determined that issuance of marriage licenses to same sex couples in New York State is illegal. With that ruling, it is my position that the City of Buffalo will not issue marriage licenses to same sex couples. However, I will uphold the law, which includes the recognition of civil unions and same sex marriages preformed outside of New York State.**

**I have always been an advocate for the advancement of human and civil rights for all people. If the future courts of New York State change the law and allow same sex marriages I will appropriately administer those laws in the City of Buffalo as Mayor.**