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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) - Gay couples are gaining new rights in Brazil. The government has granted a Spanish man the right to permanent residency based on his marriage to a Brazilian man.

The decision published Monday in Brazil's Federal Register follows a decision in October by the country's Supreme Court recognizing same-sex marriage. That change leads to a series of benefits for gay couples, such as the right to jointly file taxes and to jointly adopt a child.

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