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**COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL REACTS TO BOULDER COUNTY COURT
RULING REGARDING ISSUING OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LICENSES**

DENVER—Today Boulder County District Court Judge Andrew Hartman denied the state’s motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against Boulder County Clerk and Recorder Hillary Hall for issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The essence of Judge Hartman’s order is that even if the licenses are invalid, the state of Colorado suffers no irreparable harm from their issuance. Yesterday, Adams County Judge C. Scott Crabtree issued an order invalidating Colorado’s ban on same-sex marriage, however, stayed the ruling to avoid “the instability and uncertainty that would result” from the issuance of potentially invalid marriage certificates.

The following statement is to be attributed to Colorado Attorney General John Suthers.

“It is the view of the Attorney General’s Office that the uncertainty that has been created by these recent Colorado court rulings as to the propriety of county clerks issuing same-sex marriage licenses prior to final resolution of the issue, cries out for resolution by the state’s highest court. It is paramount that we have statewide uniformity on this issue and avoid the confusion caused by differing county-by-county interpretations of whether same-sex marriage is currently recognized. Therefore, we will act swiftly in an attempt to prevent a legal patchwork quilt from forming.”

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