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**ATTORNEY GENERAL SEEKS COLORADO SUPREME COURT'S RESOLUTION
OF ISSUES RELATED TO COLORADO'S MARRIAGE AMENDMENT**

DENVER— The Colorado Attorney General's Office is taking additional steps today to try to reach an expedited final resolution of the legal challenges to our state marriage laws while also bringing a measure of certainty and consistency throughout Colorado while that process reaches its conclusion. First, the State has appealed the decision of the Adams County District Court, which declared Colorado's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional, directly to the state Supreme Court rather than to the Colorado Court of Appeals.

"The underlying question of whether our laws will stand or fall is now in the Colorado Supreme Court's hands, and we hope it or the U.S. Supreme Court will resolve the question expeditiously," said Attorney General John Suthers. "We have sought to bring resolution to these issues as quickly as possible, and this is another important step in doing so."

The State is also asking the Colorado Supreme Court to help provide clarity and uniformity to the state's officials, county clerks, and citizens, who deserve better than the chaotic legal uncertainty last week's events have given them. It has asked the Colorado Supreme Court to put on hold the issuing of additional same-sex licenses while the Court considers the issue that is now before it. If that motion is granted, the Attorney General hopes that it will provide a level and consistent legal landscape while we await final resolution of the same-sex marriage issues in Colorado.

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