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COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL PROVIDES UPDATE ON STATUS OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN COLORADO

Governor John Hickenlooper and Clerks of Adams, Boulder, Denver and Jefferson Counties Sign on to Motions

DENVER—This afternoon, the Colorado Attorney General’s Office, the Governor’s Office and the Clerks of Adams, Boulder, Denver and Jefferson Counties filed joint motions to lift stays in the 10th Circuit and Colorado Supreme Court. In addition, the parties moved to dismiss appeals of lower-court decisions in federal court as well as in Adams and Boulder Counties. While the high court’s decision not to hear an appeal of the 10th Circuit ruling means that same-sex marriage will be legal in Colorado soon, stays put in place by the federal and state courts must first be lifted.

All of these steps are important for achieving finality and clarity to Colorado’s laws, which at this point remain in effect. Once the 10th Circuit and the Colorado Supreme Court have lifted their stays pursuant to these motions, however, county clerks and the state registrar can and should begin issuing and recognizing marriage licenses to gay couples.

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