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**COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMENTS ON U.S. SUPREME COURT  
DECISION TO DENY RULING ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE CASES**

*Same-Sex Marriage will be the Law in Colorado when the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court and Lower  
Courts Lift Stay Orders*

**DENVER**—The United States Supreme Court this morning denied review of all seven of the petitions from the lower Federal Circuit Courts that arose from challenges to state bans on same-sex marriage. Because the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, which has jurisdiction over Colorado, struck down Utah and Oklahoma’s ban, today’s decision by the high court clears the way for same-sex couples to legally wed in Colorado once stay orders have been lifted.

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

“We have consistently maintained that we will abide by the Supreme Court’s determination on the constitutionality of marriage laws. By choosing not to take up the matter, the court has left the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruling in place. We expect the 10th Circuit will issue a final order governing Colorado very shortly. Once the formalities are resolved, clerks across the state must begin issuing marriage licenses to all same-sex couples.

We will file motions to expedite the lifting of the stays in the federal and state courts and will advise the clerks when to issue licenses.”

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