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### **GOVERNOR OTTER WELCOMES APPELLATE STAY ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE RULING**

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter issued the following statement today in reaction to a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals deciding late Tuesday to issue a permanent stay pending appeal of a federal magistrate's ruling that Idaho's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional.

"I appreciate the 9th Circuit panel agreeing to my request for a stay while the appellate court takes the time to consider our arguments. Its decision prevents the kind of disruption and uncertainty that undermine public confidence in the rule of law. I have no doubt that the case, and this issue, will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. We will keep fighting to ensure the Idaho Constitution, the people's will as expressed at the ballot box and the status of traditional marriage will prevail."

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