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National Black Church Initiative Strongly Supports the National Organization for Marriage

Washington, D.C.- The National Black Church Initiative, a coalition of 34,000 churches representing 15.7 million African American congregants, declares its support for The National Organization for Marriage (NOM). NOM has been and remains to be a courageous organization that fights for the principles of marriage. We support its goals, its leadership and its ability to air their views in the public square in a fair and ethical manner. We Support Brian Brown's brilliant visionary leadership and pray for him and his family. The recently unethical attack on NOM by The Human Rights Campaign is unfounded, untrue and wrong. The Black church stands with NOM because it reflects the deep and abiding principles of traditional marriage as advocated through the Holy Scripture. Like all non-profit organizations we are called to abide by standards of behavior. The recent IRS disclosure of NOM's donor's list is unethical and should be investigated by the proper authorities.

Reverend Anthony Evans, President of NBCI says: "NBCI and all of our affiliate organizations across the country have worked effectively with NOM to defend against the people who would redefine marriage as applying to two persons of the same sex. Even though we have an abiding Christian love for all people, especially our gay brothers and sisters and have spoken out regularly about verbal and physical violence against this community, we must strongly object to their notion of marriage and their harsh unethical political tactics to force our society to accept this particular lifestyle. We encourage the gay community to continue to take their case to the public square and allow the voters in America to decide whether or not gay marriage should be a part of the fabric of our society. We reserve the right of all Americans to air our views in the public square equally. We strongly condemn any group that uses brutal and unethical tactics to demagogue those of us who stand for biblical and traditional marriage."

NBCI's Civil Society Initiative calls on all institutions of good will to play by the rules and speak lovingly of their opponents when you disagree with them in the public square. NBCI has vowed to continue to love and reach out to our gay brothers and sisters even when they refuse to join hearts and hands in love and mercy. Recently we asked GLAAD to join with us in a march to condemn violence against the LGBT community and they told us they will never under any circumstances join with us in any march against violence. Despite this reaction, we will continue to reach out to the gay community, and we refuse to use unethical and brutal practices to force our will on the gay community. We are compelled by Christ to endure the pain of our brothers and sisters (the gay community) and love them nonetheless.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.