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NBCI Calls Supreme Court Rulings a Split Victory

Decisions Mark Rally Cry for Church to Continue to Stand on God's Word

Washington DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African American churchgoers, is both encouraged and disappointed by the Supreme Court's recent decisions surrounding gay marriage. Although the decision to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is certainly a turn in the wrong direction for the church, we applaud the Court's decision not to hear arguments on California's Proposition 8.

NBCI continues to love our gay brothers and sisters, and recognizes them as a vital part of the fabric of our democracy. However, the Black Church cannot, and will not, support gay marriage now or ever. This is not a civil rights issue; this is about supporting and uplifting a life guided by the Scriptures and the word of God. NBCI will not bow down to popular opinion, but will continue to advocate for biblical marriage between a man and a woman as the only acceptable marriage.

Rev Anthony Evans, President of NBCI, reflected on the recent rulings saying that "NBCI will only ever support legislation and lawmakers that recognize and uphold the biblical standard of marriage. The decision by the Supreme Court not to hear arguments on California's Proposition 8 reaffirms our right given by the almighty God and the Constitution to fight for marriage between one man and one woman, state by state."

NBCI continues to respect different opinions on this issue, and will condemn any party that resorts to violence as a means to express their opinions on the definition of marriage. Violence in any form goes against the teachings of the church and must be rejected.

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.