IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

JAMES N. STRAWSER, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
LUTHER STRANGE, in his official capacity as Attorney General for the State of Alabama, <i>et al.</i> ,)))
Defendants.)

Civil Action No. 14-0424-CG-C

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND FINAL JUDGMENT

Plaintiffs move this Court to make the preliminary injunction, Doc. 123,

permanent and enter a final judgment in Plaintiffs' favor. In support of this motion,

Plaintiffs state the following:

On June 26, the Supreme Court issued its decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, 576

U.S. (2015),¹ with the majority holding that:

[T]he right to marry is a fundamental right inherent in the liberty of the person, and under the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment couples of the same-sex may not be deprived of that right and that liberty. The Court now holds that same-sex couples may exercise the fundamental right to marry. No longer may this liberty be denied to them. ... [T]he State laws challenged by Petitioners in these cases are now held invalid to the extent they exclude same-sex couples from civil marriage on the same terms and conditions as opposite-sex couples.

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The Court, in this decision, holds same-sex couples may exercise the fundamental right to marry in all States. It follows that the Court also

¹ Slip opinion available at <u>http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/14-556_3204.pdf</u> (last visited June 29, 2015).

must hold – and it now does hold – that there is no lawful basis for a State to refuse to recognize a lawful same-sex marriage performed in another State on the ground of its same-sex character.

Slip op. at 22-23, 28.

Because the Supreme Court's decision unequivocally upholds this Court's findings in its preliminary injunction order, Plaintiffs are entitled to judgment as a matter of law. The preliminary injunction should now be made permanent and final judgment entered in Plaintiffs' favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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