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**ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE STATEMENT IN
RESPONSE TO FEDERAL COURT GRANTING 14-DAY STAY IN
SAME-SEX MARRIAGE CASE**

(Montgomery) – Attorney General Luther Strange welcomed Federal Judge Callie Granade’s decision Sunday night to grant a 14-day stay in her January 23, 2015, order enjoining the Attorney General from enforcing Alabama’s laws prohibiting same-sex marriage.

“Judge Granade’s decision to grant a stay of her January 23, 2015, ruling concerning Alabama’s ban on same-sex marriages is a step in the right direction,” said Attorney General Luther Strange. “While I would have preferred a longer stay to allow the matter to be settled by the U.S. Supreme Court’s anticipated ruling in June, the 14-day stay allows more time for my office to prepare our stay request to the 11th Circuit Court while also affording the public time to resolve the confusion over the impact of the recent ruling.”

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