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MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA ANNOUNCES "NO STANDING FOR PROP 8" SIT-IN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

WHEN: Tuesday, September 6, 2011, 8:00 am

WHERE: Earl Warren State Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

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San Francisco: Same-sex couples and their friends and families will hold a "No Standing for Prop 8" sit-in on the steps of the California State Building on Tuesday, September 6. The sit-in will precede the California Supreme Court's hearing on the standing issue. The hearing itself begins at 10:00 AM.

Following a trial that lasted over two weeks regarding Proposition 8, the federal district court found that Prop. 8's exclusion of loving, committed couples from marriage violated the fundamental fairness and equality guarantees of our Constitution. Those who oppose marriage equality are now trying to continue litigating the lawsuit.

"You can't keep litigating a lawsuit just because you don't like something – you actually have to be harmed in some way. The simple fact of the matter is that the freedom to marry brings enormous benefit to same-sex couples while harming no one else's marriage. Accordingly, those who oppose equality have no standing to continue the suit," said John Lewis, Marriage Equality USA's Legal Director.

"Same-sex couples and their families will once again stand up for their love and dignity by attending the hearing and staging a 'No Standing for Prop 8' sit-in beforehand. Lesbian and gay people have been more than patient in their struggle simply to be treated fairly and equally. The time for full equality is now," said Billy Bradford of Marriage Equality USA.

Founded in 2000, Marriage Equality USA® is a national grassroots organization whose mission is to secure legally-recognized civil marriage equality for all, at the federal and state level, without regard to gender identity or sexual orientation. For more information go to www.marriageequality.org. Follow us on Twitter @meusa. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/marriageequalityusa.