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MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA APPLAUDS COURT ORDER TO RELEASE PROP. 8 TRIAL VIDEOTAPES

San Francisco, CA • (September 19, 2011) — Marriage Equality USA applauds Chief District Court Judge James Ware's decision this morning, ordering release of the Proposition 8 trial videotapes on September 30, 2011. The court's order holds that as part of the record of the case, the videotapes must be made public. The court deferred implementation of the order for 10 days to permit opponents to seek a stay of the order.

"We are thrilled by the court's decision to release the videotapes and are hopeful that the decision will not be stayed. If so, everyone, not just the few who were able to be at the courthouse last year, will be able to see the trial and to learn the real facts about why Proposition 8's exclusion of loving, committed same-sex couples from marriage violates the fairness guarantees of our Constitution," said John Lewis, Marriage Equality USA's Legal Director.

"Releasing the tapes will allow Americans to hear firsthand the testimony of actual lesbian and gay couples who want the freedom to marry and whose lives are at the center of the lawsuit. Americans will be able to see that barring loving, committed same-sex couples from marriage hurts real people and their families," said Stuart Gaffney, Marriage Equality USA's Media Director.

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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 levels, without regard to gender identity or sexual orientation.