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US Supreme Court Declares Marriage Legal across all States

Irish and US decisions mark turning point in the advance of liberty, equality and acceptance for LGBT people across the world.

In a historic decision, the Supreme Court of the United States has today declared that marriage for lesbian and gay couples is a right that must be available across every State in the US.

The US now joins Ireland and 20 other countries across the world where lesbian and gay couples can marry.

“The resounding decision of the Irish People in the marriage equality referendum, and the US Supreme Court decision today, together mark a turning point in the advance of liberty, equality and acceptance for LGBT people across the world” said Kieran Rose, GLEN Chair, welcoming the decision.

“The overwhelming victory in the Irish referendum has led to increased support for equal access to civil marriage in other countries. We are confident that the US Supreme Court decision will strengthen progress towards full equality for LGBT people. Both decisions send a very strong message of inclusion, value and equality to lesbian and gay people everywhere” said Rose.

“The decision by the Supreme Court reflects the profound transformation in attitudes to LGBT people over the last decade in many parts of the world. The referendum result here in Ireland demonstrated that the public are hugely in support of equality for LGBT people” said Rose.

“It has been a long struggle for our rights, here in Ireland, in the US and across the world. Today’s outcome is wonderful for lesbian and gay citizens across the US, in particular for those living in States which had banned marriage. Like Ireland, all that will happen now is that lesbian and gay couples will get married” said Rose.

“While much remains to be done across the world to ensure that LGBT people can live freely, without threat, today’s decision will inspire activists to continue to campaign for equality and the human right to marry the person you love” concluded Rose.

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