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2nd STATEMENT ON KITCHEN V. HERBERT

Moments ago, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, following on the U.S. Supreme Court's order earlier today declining to hear the State's appeal in Kitchen v. Herbert, lifted the Tenth Circuit's order staying that decision. The Tenth Circuit Clerk issued notice of the appellate court's mandate immediately following entry of the Tenth's Circuit's order.

Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill promptly conferred with Salt Lake County Clerk Sherrie Swensen, advising her she may immediately begin issuing marriage licenses to same sex couples.

"We are excited and pleased that we now have clarity from the courts and the fundamental rights of all Utahns are honored and protected," Gill said. "The legal analysis of Judge Shelby has been affirmed to the benefit of all."

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