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## Office of the Travis County Clerk Marriage Equality Anniversary Celebration

AUSTIN -- The Travis County Clerk's office will be holding free wedding ceremonies, conducted by Judge Nicholas Chu, on June 26 to celebrate Pride month and the eighth anniversary of Marriage Equality.

On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court determined that the constitution recognizes a national right to same-sex marriage. Eight years ago, on the day of the Obergefell v Hodges ruling, the Travis County Clerk's office issued 312 formal marriage licenses and 113 informal marriage licenses to different and same-sex couples.

Couples that would like to get married during the Clerk's Marriage Equality Day Celebration will need to schedule an appointment through a form on the County Clerk's website. To schedule an appointment, couples must obtain a marriage license with the Travis County Clerk's office by June 22nd to meet the 72-hour waiting period deadline.

Ceremonies will be held at the Clerk's 5501 Airport Blvd office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each wedding party should arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled appointment and can have up to ten people present. Couples can expect a backdrop for the ceremonies and for pictures, along with light refreshments.

Travis County Clerk Dyana Limon-Mercado believes that now, more than ever, is an important time to uplift and express solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community. "In February 2015 the Travis County Clerk's office issued the first marriage license to a same-sex couple in Texas. In the face of extreme attacks on the LGBTQ+ community from the Texas State Legislature, our office will continue to support and celebrate the rights of all Texans to participate fully in our society, including the right to marry whoever they love, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression."