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### **Avakian statement on historic marriage ruling**

**PORTLAND**—Labor and Industries Commissioner Brad Avakian today praised the Supreme Court’s historic ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

“What an extraordinary day – and beautiful, historic ruling. It’s a victory for freedom and an important moment for our country. All loving, committed same-sex couples will now enjoy in ‘equal dignity in the eyes of the law’. Today represents a full expression of our country’s journey of understanding – one that’s based on the notion that same-sex couples deserve to share all the same triumphs and sorrow that marriage entails. This is a landmark victory that makes our society more open, free and just.”

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