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Brad Hoylman-Sigal

New York's Only Openly Gay Senator Hails U.s. Supreme Court Decision on Marriage

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State Senator Brad Hoylman (D-Manhattan) said: "As a gay husband and father, I'm extremely proud to be an American today. Today's Supreme Court decision affirms the legal, cultural and social validity of my family throughout the entire country. As a Senator representing one of the largest LGBT communities in the world, I couldn't be more grateful to the litigants and their attorneys – including former colleague Mary Bonauto of GLAD and my dear friend Doug Hallward-Driemeier of Ropes & Gray – and for pressing this momentous case forward. LGBT couples everywhere will now enjoy the same basic civil right that New York State granted back in 2011.

"It's exciting to think that one day my 4-year old daughter will read about *Obergefell v. Hodges* in school and understand the transformative effect the case is bound to have on LGBT families in our country. The decision in *Obergefell* follows the trailblazing jurisprudence set forth in *U.S. v. Windsor* and *Hollingsworth v. Perry* and will join the pantheon of historic Supreme Court decisions like *Brown v. Board of Education* that have defined the struggle for equal rights under the law."

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