

Iowa LULAC applauds Supreme Court decision to make gay marriage legal in all 50 states

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DES MOINES – The League of United Latin American Citizens of Iowa today applauded the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling to affirm the right of same-sex couples to marry nationwide.

The court's 5-4 decision in Obergefell v. Hodges is a long-sought victory for the civil rights and LGBT communities. LULAC is committed to justice and equality for all and anti-discrimination legislation, which is why the longtime civil rights organization is supportive of the high court's decision.

In addition, 52 percent of Latinos are now in favor of same sex marriage.

"We know that obstacles will still remain for the LGBT community, but we will do our part in the fight," said Joe Enriquez Henry, state director of LULAC of Iowa. "We will continue to fight to ensure LGBT Latinos have equal access to the American dream, specifically those who are caught in the legal limbo because of their immigration status or held up in detention."

Founded in 1929, the League of United Latin American Citizens is the oldest Latino civil rights organization in the United States. There are more than 1,000 local LULAC councils, which hold voter registration drives, provide awareness to residents about language and immigration issues, sponsor programs and advocate for Latinos.

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