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GLAD Cheers Defeat of Anti-Gay, Anti-Marriage Equality Measure

*Statement of Lee Swislow, Executive Director, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders
GLAD's successful lawsuit, Goodridge v. Department of Public Health, brought marriage
equality to Massachusetts.*

We're proud of our state today, and we applaud the legislature for showing that Massachusetts is strongly behind fairness. Equality for gay and lesbian citizens has enriched our state, made our communities stronger, and our families happier. The vote today was the triumph of time, experience, and understanding over fear and prejudice.

We are deeply grateful to all the legislators who have been with us every step of the way, as well as to those who found their way to a vote for fairness. We thank Governor Deval Patrick, Senate President Therese Murray, and House Speaker Sal DiMasi, for their courageous leadership. We salute every citizen, gay and straight, who fought for this victory, led by our talented, hard-working friends at MassEquality.

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is New England's leading legal organization dedicated to eliminating discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status, and gender identity & expression.

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