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**The City of Wilton Manors Celebrates Monroe County Judge's  
Ruling Declaring the Ban on Marriage Equality in Florida  
Unconstitutional**

**Wilton Manors, Florida (July 17, 2014)** – The City of Wilton Manors is celebrating as Florida moves one step closer to marriage equality for all.

“I know I speak for our entire city when I say we applaud the ruling by Monroe County Circuit Judge Luis Garcia declaring the ban on marriage equality in Florida unconstitutional,” said Mayor Gary Resnick. “As a richly diverse community and long-time proponent of equality, we eagerly anticipate the same ruling in the other cases that will allow all the right to marry in Florida and to have marriages in other states be recognized here in Florida. I congratulate and thank Aaron Huntsman and William Lee Jones for fighting for the right to be recognized as a married couple in Florida.”

While this ruling only affects those who live in Monroe County, the City of Wilton Manors has long been a leader in supporting equality.

“On behalf of the Wilton Manors City Commission, the 12,000+ residents and business owners who call Wilton Manors home, and the many Floridians who patiently wait for marriage equality, we want to congratulate and thank Aaron Huntsman and William Lee Jones, the couple who won in the Keys, and all plaintiffs pursuing these cases around the state, for fighting for equal rights to be recognized as married in Florida.”

As a result of the 2010 US Census, the City of Wilton Manors was named the “Second gayest City” in the United States. With a large percentage of the population identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, Wilton Manors has been recognized nationally and internationally as one of the most progressive places to live, work and play for many years.

**ABOUT THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS**

Wilton Manors was laid out in 1925 by Edward John “Ned” Willingham, a land developer from Georgia, as an upscale residential community. It was recognized as a



Village in 1947 and incorporated as a City in 1953. Today, the City of Wilton Manors offers all the benefits of a big city from shopping, to hip restaurants and bars, a burgeoning arts community and tons of community events, yet still maintains a cozy, community-feeling offering miles of natural waterways perfect for kayaking, paddle boarding and other outdoor activities. Recently named the “Second Gayest City” in the United States, the City of Wilton Manors celebrates a diverse population of approximately 12,000 residents. To learn more about the live, work and play opportunities in Wilton Manors call (954) 390-2100 or visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com).