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**Statement from Montgomery County Solicitor Ray McGarry
on State Department of Health Request for Writ of Mandamus**

Norristown, PA (July 30, 2013) – Montgomery County Solicitor Ray McGarry today issued the following statement in response to the Pennsylvania Department of Health request for a writ of mandamus commanding Register of Wills D. Bruce Hanes, acting in his role as Clerk of the Orphans' Court, to cease issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

“While it comes as no surprise that the Corbett Administration has filed an action seeking to enjoin marriage equality in Montgomery County, the petition filed today in Commonwealth Court by the state Department of Health has serious flaws. Montgomery County will be filing a response shortly. In the meantime, the Register of Wills office will continue to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.” – Ray McGarry, Montgomery County Solicitor