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On Friday June 26th, the U.S. Supreme Court by a 5-4 decision ruled that states cannot ban same-sex marriage. The ruling declared unconstitutional laws and constitutional amendments of several states including Missouri that defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The ruling further, requires all states to recognize same-sex marriages performed out of state.

Both President Obama and Missouri Governor Nixon praised this decision with the President declaring “Americans should be very proud.”

Well Mr. President, I and millions and millions more Christian Americans do not in any way share your pride and elation, but rather we feel sadness, shame, and outright revulsion of the U.S. high court’s stamp of approval of what God speaks of as an abomination.

Today we as elected officials have no choice but to conduct business in accordance with established law. We do not possess the luxury of cherry picking which laws we agree with and choose to uphold, and which laws we choose to reject and ignore. But! We can express our strong disapproval of blatant judicial overreach.

Therefore, I propose that on July 26th, the one month anniversary of what will assuredly do down as one of the most momentous, saddest days in our nation’s history, and on the 26th day of each month to follow through June 2016, the U.S. and Missouri flags at the Dent County Courthouse and Dent County Judicial Building be lowered to just below half-staff. And may all who see these flags at this lowered position be reminded of this despicable Supreme Court travesty.