

“Day of Decision” in Indianapolis

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On Tuesday, May 26, 2009, a day termed "The Day of Decision" by gay-rights activists across the country, the Supreme Court ruled to uphold Proposition 8, and in so doing made same-sex marriage illegal in California. Last year, May 15, 2008, the California Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage was constitutional, but Tuesday's ruling has overturned that decision.

Gay-rights activists and supporters reacted yesterday with anti-Proposition 8 protests and rallies in over 100 cities, including Indianapolis. Thousands of protestors gathered in Los Angeles and San Francisco, as well as St. Louis, Chicago and Philadelphia. Here in Indiana, Indy Impact, a local grass-roots lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered organization founded in response to the original passing of Proposition 8 in November 2008, held a Day of Decision rally Tuesday outside the City-County Building Downtown.

Zac Hart, co-founder of Indy Impact, felt the rally was a success. "We had about 40 to 50 people show up to support our cause and considering we started at 2 on a workday, I think that's pretty successful." Hart is disappointed with the Supreme Court's ruling, saying that it sets a precedent in the legal system. "It just shows that a ballot measure like Proposition 8 can take away rights granted by the Constitution to any minority group."

While the 18,000 same-sex marriages in California prior to Proposition 8 are still recognized by the state, Tuesday's ruling prevents any more California same-sex couples to wed, and is considered a major step backward in the gay community's fight for equality. Currently, New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont, Maine and New York are the states that allow/recognize same-sex marriages or civil unions, with New Hampshire expected to join the list this month.

Anyone interested in joining Indy Impact and other groups advocating for LGBT civil rights in the form of legalized same-sex marriages can visit www.indyimpact.com, where all of the group's events are posted. The next rally will be held June 28, 2009, in accordance with the Million Gay March in Washington, D.C., a march for equality that is in memorial of the Stonewall Rebellion.



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