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### **Roy Moore denounces same-sex marriage ruling**

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[ Photo of Alabama State Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore ]  
(Photo: AP)

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore said Tuesday that despite a federal judge's ruling, he will continue to recognize the state's law banning same-sex marriage.

Meanwhile, Rep. Patricia Todd, Alabama's only openly gay [ **CCL: sic - sodomite/lesbian** ] legislator, threatened to reveal which "pro-family value" politicians were having extramarital affairs if they continued criticizing gay [ **CCL: sic - sodomite/lesbian** ] marriage as immoral.

Todd said she was furious and disappointed by comments made after a federal judge struck down the state's gay-marriage ban [ **CCL: sic - sodomite/lesbian-"marriage" [sic] ban** ] last week and affirmed it in a separate case Monday.

"I'm sick of the hypocrisy. If you start disparaging my community, and I know that you are not exactly the family values person that you put yourself out to be, well, then, beware," Todd, D-Birmingham, said.

Moore apparently was not worried.

He adamantly denounced the ruling legalizing same-sex marriage and suggested he would defy efforts to make it legal in Alabama.

Moore, an outspoken social conservative, sent a three-page letter to Gov. Robert Bentley Tuesday sharply criticizing U.S. District Judge Ginny Granade's recent rulings striking down the state's 1998 law and 2006 constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

**"As Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, I will continue to recognize the Alabama Constitution and the will of the people overwhelmingly expressed in the Sanctity of Marriage Amendment," Moore wrote.**

Moore said in an interview Tuesday that he believed that federal district and appellate courts have "no binding authority over the Supreme Court of Alabama," and said he believed probate judges should not issue same-sex marriage licenses to couples if Granade's rulings go into effect.

What that would mean on a practical basis is not entirely clear. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue a ruling on the constitutionality of same-sex marriage by the end of June, and Moore acknowledged that it was unlikely the Alabama Supreme Court would get a case on the issue before then. Moore said he was "not sure" what the next step would be if the nation's high court legalized same-sex marriage.

**Bentley said in a statement that he would "continue to oppose" Granade's ruling.**

**"The people of Alabama voted in a constitutional amendment to define marriage as being between man and woman," the statement said. "As Governor, I must uphold the Constitution."**

In rulings on Friday and Monday, Granade wrote that the state ban violated same-sex couples' due process and equal protection rights under the 14th Amendment  
<<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/news/politics/southunionstreet/2015/01/23/ala-sex-marriage-ban-struck-judge/22250753/>>.  
Granade has stayed both decisions while Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange appeals the rulings to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

In the first case, *Searcy v. Strange*, a couple who married in California sued after they were denied the right to adopt one of the couple's children, under the state ban. The attorney general argued in the suit that the ban promoted the state's interest in linking biological children with their kin. Granade rejected the argument.

"If anything, Alabama's prohibition of same-sex marriage detracts from its goal of promoting optimal environments for children," she wrote. "Those children currently being raised by same-sex parents in Alabama are just as worthy of protection and recognition by the State as are the children being raised by opposite-sex parents."

In the second case Monday, *Searcy* issued an injunction prohibiting the state from enforcing the same-sex marriage ban. The case involved a same-sex couple who were seeking to obtain power of attorney for one partner prior to the other's hospitalization.

Moore, while not addressing the cases directly, wrote Granade's decisions "raised serious, legitimate concerns about the propriety of federal court jurisdiction over the Alabama Sanctity of Marriage Amendment."

Quoting the Gospel of Mark and six court decisions at least three of which date from the 19th century or first decade of the 20th the chief justice