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**Out Boulder and Google present the Clela Rorex Allies in Action Award to County Clerk and Recorder Hillary Hall**

**BOULDER, Colo.** On Tuesday, April 28, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States of America will hear oral arguments on the freedom to marry. And on May 31<sup>st</sup> in our community Out Boulder and Google will honor Hillary Hall with the Clela Rorex Allies in Action Award.

Boulder has a long history in the fight toward marriage equality and LGBT rights. In 1975, Boulder's County Clerk Clela Rorex was the first to issue same-sex marriage licenses in the US. A legal team lead by Jean Dubofsky, a Boulder attorney, successfully argued in favor of overturning of Colorado's Amendment 2 in 1996, paving the way for future advancements in the struggle for LGBT equality. And in 2014, Boulder County Clerk Hillary Hall issued over 200 marriage licenses to same-sex couples after a 10th Circuit Court ruling before being stopped by Colorado's Attorney General.

In honor and recognition of Hillary's work throughout 2014, Out Boulder, Google and Clela Rorex herself will present Hillary with this year's Clela Rorex Allies in Action Award. Clela commented: "When I received the news that Hillary was stepping up to the issue the first marriage license in Colorado last summer, I had this great sense of pride that Boulder had closed the circle on this important civil rights issue".

Mardi Moore, Out Boulder Executive Director states: "This year we are honored to have the support of Google in presenting this annual award to Hillary. Google is the perfect sponsor of this award as they, along with many other tech companies, recently filed an amicus curiae or a friend-of-the-court brief with the Supreme Court on behalf of marriage equality."

Scott Green, Google Boulder Site Director commented: "As we've previously stated, we believe we should not eliminate anyone's fundamental rights, whatever their sexuality, to marry the person they love."

The core arguments in recent marriage equality cases stem from The Fourteenth Amendment which protects individuals against unwarranted restrictions on their liberty and requires equal treatment. The Court has announced that it will provide the audio recording and transcript of oral arguments by 2:00 pm on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**About Out Boulder:** Out Boulder educates, advocates and provides services for and on behalf of Boulder County's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer communities. As a local grassroots organization, Out Boulder is called on every day for help, information, services, or to comment on issues that directly impact the lives of our community.

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