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A Celebration Honoring Jean Hodges, Elected PFLAG National Board President

Boulder, CO – Local community leader, Jean Hodges, has recently been elected as President of PFLAG National’s Board of Directors. Mrs. Hodges was one of the founding members of PFLAG Boulder County in the early 1990s, shortly after the passage of Colorado’s Amendment 2. She rose through the ranks, serving as a Regional Director and then as the Chairperson of the 13-member Regional Directors Council. In that capacity, she also served as the Vice-President of the National Board of Directors. In October, Mrs. Hodges was elected as National PFLAG President.

On November 23, 2014, PFLAG Boulder County, Out Boulder, TYES and First United Methodist Church are sponsoring a celebration of Mrs. Hodges’ recent election. The celebration will begin at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Boulder and will feature special remarks by many local community leaders, as well as Jody Huckaby, Executive Director of PFLAG National. It will also serve as a fundraiser for PFLAG National.

Mrs. Hodges has a long history of fighting for social justice causes. When one of her children came out as gay and Amendment 2 passed shortly thereafter, she was drawn to PFLAG. For over two decades, Jean has worked diligently, both here in Colorado and nationwide, to further PFLAG’s mission of promoting the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. The support and advocacy she has provided to the community cannot be overstated. Jenny Martin of Louisville explained, “As someone who lost a parent to coming out, Jean’s unending work on behalf of not only her child but all other LGBT individuals restores my own faith.”

After her election was announced, Jody M. Huckaby, PFLAG National’s executive director stated, “Jean Hodges has been an integral member of the PFLAG National Board of Directors for years, boldly leading on a number of issues, especially regarding people who are transgender and gender nonconforming, elevating their unique issues and educating families and allies on what roles we all can play to ensure that PFLAG, as the national family and ally organization is a resource for everyone.”