

# National Black Church Initiative

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## **NBCI's 34,000 Black Churches Stand Behind Kim Davis' Conviction in God's Authority** *Supreme Court's Ruling Violates Religious Liberty*

**Washington, DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, is speaking out in strong support of Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis' steadfast commitment to upholding traditional marriage. Citing "God's authority," Davis, elected by the citizens of Kentucky, continues to refuse issuing marriage licenses to two same-sex couples — bucking a U.S. Supreme County action on Monday refusing Davis' case and leaving her with no legal grounds to defend and uphold her religious beliefs.

"We are not going to sit back and allow the government to prosecute our sister in Christ Kim Davis" said NCBI President Reverend Anthony Evans. "I have asked my churches to pray on one accord to overcome this evil in the sight of God. We must stand united for the sake of the Gospel and uphold Scripture as the ultimate law of the land for those Christians whose beliefs are in the line of fire."

NBCI remains firm in its belief that no one in the body of Christ should have to violate their faith in order to carry out their job duties. The government cannot compel its citizens to violate their faith, and traditional marriage is the only union that be sanctioned by God's law. NBCI member churches and their congregants will stand with Kim Davis, and urges federal and state officials to respect freedom of religion and not hold Davis in contempt.

### **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all

of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).