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NBCI Backs SCOTUS Hobby Lobby Ruling *Court Decision Represents 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, applauds the June 30th ruling giving closely-held for-profit corporations the right to practice religious freedom.

Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President says, “This is not an assault on women, as portrayed by ultra-feminists and the liberal black church, most of who have been duped into thinking the ruling is an assault on their civil rights.”

Rather than the alleged setback for civil liberties, NBCI calls the Supreme Court’s decision a victory over the Obama Administration’s systematic and consistent approach to try and impose government authority on the church.

Evans went on to say that “The *Sebelius vs. Hobby Lobby* decision is an important win for religious liberty for people of all faiths. Moreover, despite radical claims that Hobby Lobby was blocking access to health care, the company already provided health care for its employees, and provided insurance coverage for 16 of the 20 contraceptives required under federal law.”

NBCI stands steadfastly behind the Supreme Court’s ruling and plans to support similar efforts around the country. The black church says it will always stand for the God-given right of independence to make its own decisions, grounded in scripture, independence and the law. Further, NBCI demands that the Obama Administration extend religious exemptions to all church-based organizations, as this decision has clearly shown that religious freedom must be recognized and defended in America.

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. The National Black Church Initiative's methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science. The National Black Church Initiative'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.

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