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Plaintiffs,

v.

PAULA DOW, in her official capacity as Attorney General of New Jersey; JENNIFER VELEZ, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Human Services; and MARY E. O'DOWD, in her official capacity as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services,

Defendants.

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LAW DIVISION

MERCER COUNTY

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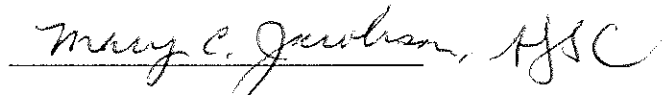
THIS MATTER having come before the court by way of Defendants' motion for a stay of the order issued by this court on September 27, 2013, directing the State of New Jersey to begin permitting same-sex couples to enter into civil marriages on October 21, 2013; and Plaintiffs having opposed the motion; and the court having carefully considered the arguments of both sides on the papers; and for the reasons set forth in the Statement of Reasons accompanying this order; and for good cause shown:

IT IS on this 10th day of October, 2013, **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Defendants' motion for a stay is **DENIED.**



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