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ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE MARSHALL STATEMENT ON FEDERAL COURT DISMISSAL OF LAWSUIT CHALLENGING ALABAMA'S VOTER ID LAW

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall issued the following statement in reaction to the judgment against a federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Alabama's voter ID law.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge L. Scott Coogler of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama ordered the lawsuit filed by Greater Birmingham Ministries, Alabama NAACP and individual plaintiffs against the State of Alabama be dismissed.

"Today's decision to dismiss the lawsuit is without a doubt the right decision," said Attorney General Marshall. "Alabama's voter identification law is one of the broadest in the nation with procedures in place to allow anyone who does not have a photo ID to obtain one. The court order makes this point exceedingly clear: '...a person who does not have a photo ID today is not prevented from voting if he or she can easily get one, and it is so easy to get a photo ID in Alabama, no one is prevented from voting.'

"I am proud of the hard work of my Constitutional Defense attorneys who spent the last 15 months traveling this state interviewing dozens of witnesses including local election officials and private citizens who have fought voter fraud. Each of these individuals who volunteered their time to assist the State in gathering the facts deserves special recognition and our gratitude."

A copy of the court order is linked <u>here.</u>

For anyone who would like a free voter photo ID in Alabama, please visit the Alabama Secretary of State's web site: http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/photo-voter-id/



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