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Hi there,

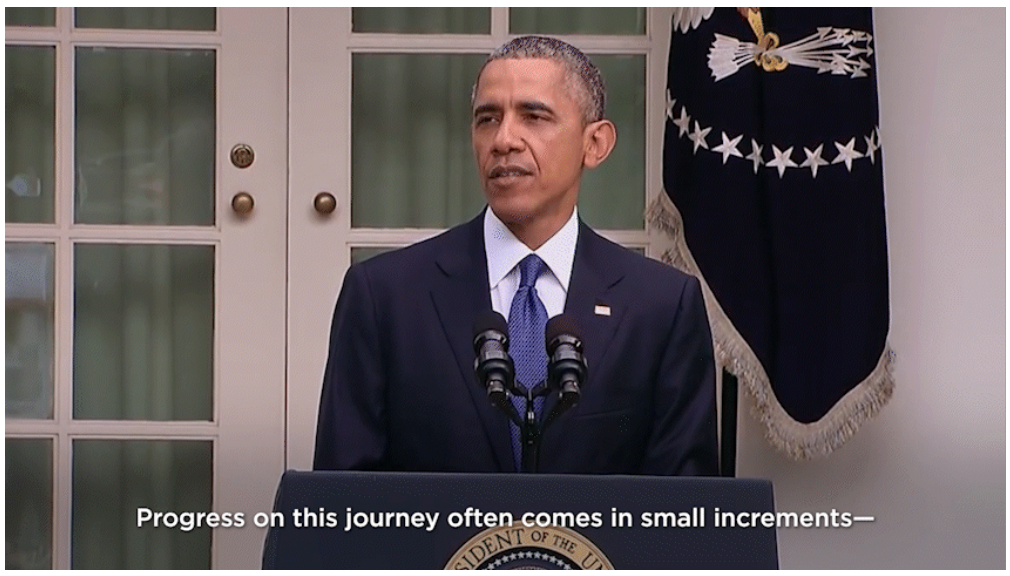
Today marks ten years since one of the most unforgettable days of the Obama presidency.

In the morning of June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court handed down a ruling that gave same-sex couples the right to marry—a huge, joyful step toward equality for LGBTQIA+ people across the country. Or, as President Obama said: "justice like a thunderbolt."

After celebrating the work of so many people who came together to make progress, President Obama and the nation grappled with a devastating reminder of just how far we still have to go when he eulogized the nine people killed in a racially motivated massacre at the Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Singing the hymn Amazing Grace, President Obama paid tribute to those who died as well as our collective ability to tap into our own reservoirs of goodness to change the world—even in times of despair.

President Obama reflected on this day ahead of the 10-year anniversary—take a look:



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When the Obama Presidential Center opens next year, visitors will be able to relive some of the most consequential moments of the Obama administration, including the day that brought us the *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision and the Charleston eulogy.

In fact, the Museum collection will feature the bow tie Jim Obergefell wore to the Supreme Court on June 26, 2015, Jim's wedding ring, and Jim and his late husband John Arthur's official marriage certificate.

June 26 will always be a special day for Jim Obergefell and so many Americans who finally gained the freedom to marry the person they love. Hear his recollection in his own words now:

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