



## Fact Sheet

### **Amendment 2 does one thing and one thing alone.**

Amendment 2 does one thing and one thing alone. It defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman, but it does not prohibit the government or private companies from extending benefits to whoever they wish. The Florida Supreme Court has ruled that Amendment 2 concerns the “single subject” of marriage and simply takes the existing state marriage law and places it into the constitution having similar effect. See, *Opinion to the Attorney General*, 926 So. 2d. 1229 (2006). Most amendments do something new. Amendment 2 does nothing new but simply protects something longstanding, something precious, and something beautiful.

### **Amendment 2 allows the people of Florida and not activist judges to decide how marriage is defined.**

In Massachusetts and now in California, activist judges have re-written marriage laws and ignored the will of the people by legalizing same sex marriages. There is a national movement to do this all over the country which is why 27 states have passed state constitutional amendment to protect marriage. In the next six months, four of the seven members of the Florida Supreme Court will be replaced by Governor Charlie Crist completely changing the make up of the Florida high Court. What happened in California could easily happen here in Florida over the next year. Amendment 2 protects the definition of marriage from activist judges.

### **Amendment 2 will not take away any existing rights or benefits from anyone.**

Amendment 2 does not take away any rights or benefits from Florida's domestic partnerships or any other shared living arrangement. Homosexuals already have full contract rights under Florida law and access to estate planning tools just as every other citizen. Amendment 2 does not affect these existing rights.

### **Amendment 2 protects our children.**

Amendment 2 protects our children from being taught in public schools that same-sex marriage is the same as natural marriage. If same sex marriage is legalized in Florida, public schools will be forced to teach your children and grandchildren that homosexual marriages are equal to marriages between a man and a woman. Since homosexual marriage was legalized in Massachusetts, public school teachers are now being forced to teach this very thing. *NPR Interview, Massachusetts Schools Weigh Gay Topics*, September 13, 2004.

### **Amendment 2 gives children the best chance for both a mom and a dad.**

While we will always have death, divorce and other circumstances that may prevent the ideal, the best arrangement for children is to have both a married mother and a father. Single parents do the best job they can but a vast body of social science research clearly tells us that children are always happier, healthier and better adjusted when raised by a married mother and father.

**Vote Yes on Amendment 2! November 4, 2008**

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