

# YES<sub>ON</sub>2

**AMENDMENT 2 DOES ONE THING ONLY:  
IT DEFINES MARRIAGE BETWEEN  
ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.  
THAT'S IT!**

**AMENDMENT 2**

**WILL:**

Will PRESERVE the definition of marriage in the Florida Constitution, protecting it from politicians and activist judges.

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**WILL NOT:**

Will NOT deny benefits to seniors  
Will NOT deny benefits to unmarried couples  
Will NOT prohibit hospital visits  
Will NOT deny employer benefits

**SAY YES TO MARRIAGE  
VOTE NOVEMBER 4**



**AMENDMENT 2:**

PRESERVES MARRIAGE

PROTECTS CHILDREN

KEEPS SENIOR BENEFITS SAFE

**YES<sub>ON</sub>2**  
**ONE MAN ONE WOMAN**

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# AMENDMENT 2 KEY FACTS:

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE



### ONE THING ONLY

Amendment 2 was written to do **one thing only**: It puts existing state law into the Florida constitution to allow the **people of Florida** to define marriage and not politicians or activist judges.

### WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

For the same reason that Massachusetts, California and Connecticut also needed one. There is a national movement by gay activists and bad judges to redefine marriage. Just days ago (October 10, 2008) with a stroke of pen the *"lawyers in black robes"* on the Connecticut Supreme Court struck down that State's valid marriage laws and became the third state in the country to legalize homosexual marriages.

### ONLY DEFINES MARRIAGE

Amendment 2 solely defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman. **Amendment 2 has nothing to do with benefits.**

### FLORIDA SUPREME COURT AGREES

The Florida Supreme Court has unanimously approved the language of Amendment 2. They

ruled that Amendment 2 only concerns the "single subject" of marriage and simply places the existing law into the constitution having similar effect. If the amendment had affected benefits in any way the court would have struck it down as they did with three other amendments. See: Opinion to the Attorney General, 926 So. 2d 1229 (2006)

### WILL NOT AFFECT DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Amendment 2 will not eliminate Florida Domestic Partnerships or change them in any way for the simple reason that they are not arrangements treated as marriages or the substantial equal to marriage.

Amendment 2 will not take away any rights or benefits from a Domestic Partnership or any other shared living arrangement, and all existing private contract rights still apply to all Floridians.

### PROTECTS BENEFITS FOR ALL

Amendment 2 does not interfere with the Social Security benefits of Florida seniors. There is also simply no connection between

the Florida Constitution in Tallahassee and Federal Social Security law in Washington, D.C.

Amendment 2 will not affect employer benefits to unmarried couples or others sharing living arrangements. Contracts between employers and employees are allowed regardless of whether one is married or unmarried.

### HOSPITAL VISITATION

Individual rights to visit someone in the hospital, make medical decisions, funeral arrangements, and survivor decisions are **not affected** by Amendment 2. Everyone needs a durable power of attorney and proper estate planning. In fact, proper legal planning for these and other rights such as contracts, home ownership, and business dealings are unaffected by one's marital status.

### A CITIZEN-LED INITIATIVE

Amendment 2 was initiated in 2005 by Florida citizens who gathered nearly 650,000 signatures to qualify for this year's ballot.

It has been a totally citizen-led effort so Florida

voters can decide for themselves on the definition of marriage.

In 2000 more than 61% of California voters passed a marriage law similar to current Florida law. However, in May of this year the California Supreme Court overturned the clear will of the people - as they did in Connecticut recently - underscoring the urgency of voting now to put Florida's law out of the reach of activist courts.

### PROMOTES A COMMON GOOD

Amendment 2 reinforces why marriage has always been uniquely protected in Florida law.

Amendment 2 recognizes that, despite the often sacrificial efforts of single parents, kids have a need for the unique contributions of both a mother and a father as they grow and learn. A vast body of peer-reviewed social science study also confirms this need and that marriage protects children. Mothers and fathers together contribute uniquely in socializing children to interact with and to relate to the opposite sex.